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Colony's Status

IT will be surprising indeed if anything tangible emerges from the round table conference on Malta that will affect the existing status of Hongkong. The agency story from London yesterday which suggested such a possibility was full of question marks, and when analysed, indicated that little more than nebulous ideas about constitutional changes throughout the colonial empire are floating around the minds of some of the Whitehall experts.

There is a wide distinction between the constitutional claims and problems of Malta, and the non-self-governing colonies, and the most round table conference in London can be expected to produce, so far as Hongkong and its kindred colonies are concerned, a generalised policy which might be useful as a guide for future constitutional reform.

The suggested new status for island colonies such as Hongkong and Cyprus is not wholly unattractive, but it poses issues and complications which are not to be resolved overnight.

FIRST and foremost it is a requirement that before Hongkong can become a dominion it must have at least a measure of self-government—a proposition which at the moment does not enjoy the approval either of the United Kingdom government, the Hongkong authorities, or even a substantial section of the local community.

Division of public opinion on this aspect of constitutional reform is emphasised by the fact that the two most articulate organisations claiming to speak for the community—the Hongkong Reform Club and the Civic Association—hold opposite views.

Nevertheless, if the time comes when Hongkong does attain a full enough measure of self-government to justify its status being raised to that of an old-time dominion, the rest of the scheme envisaged is not infeasible.

It is that Hongkong would become attached to a geographically suitable part of the British Commonwealth, would have an appointed Commissioner, and accordingly would possess direct access to Whitehall through its accredited representative.

THE notion that Hongkong should have an influential on-the-spot "voice" in London, either sitting in Parliament or accorded a special Whitehall status, is not a new one. And these days it is assuming a question of added importance because so much that goes on in and around the Colony involves the Foreign Office as well as the Colonial Office.

The fact is that today Hongkong has, through force of circumstances and not of its own seeking, assumed a new status in international affairs. It is a colony, but carrying almost the responsibilities of a small dominion. We are situated in an area of vital political importance and in consequence subjected to the strains and stresses which political events of an international nature automatically impose.

But whether we could, at this time, afford the luxury of a new constitutional status such as that envisaged by some of the London policy-makers, is extremely doubtful. It would involve a political upheaval in the Colony which at this time would more likely than not adversely affect us. But the idea need not be shelved for all time, and it will certainly be interesting to see if anything materialises from the Malta round table conference which Hongkong can accept as being practicable and useful.

Govt Coal Policy

Tory MPs  
In  
"Revolt"

London, July 12. A "revolt" among Conservative members of parliament against Sir Anthony Eden's government over its coal policy grew tonight with one of the Prime Minister's supporters bitterly assailing the administration.

The member, Mr. Gerald Nabarro, made his attack in a letter, resigning from the secretariatship of the Conservative Fuel and Power Committee—a group of Government supporters who study fuel policy.

The 41-year-old MP declared it was impossible for him to continue in his post when he was in conflict with his own Party's Fuel and Power Minister, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, about fuel policy.

INCREASED PRICES The "revolt" among Conservatives has flared over the recent announcement by the National Coal Board which runs the state-owned industry that coal prices are to be increased by 12s 6d a ton.

They are also critical of the Board's failure to get increased coal output which has meant Britain has had to import large quantities of coal to maintain exports and keep her expanding industries running.

Mr. Nabarro, in his letter to Colonel C. G. Llanegor, Chairman of the Conservative Fuel and Power Committee, said present trends in fuel and power matters were "a measure of the failure of ministerial policy."

He pointed particularly to the "heavy increase in coal prices" and the "constant increase in the cost of coal" which is likely to rise to 25 million tons of coal imports next year at a cost of £170 million.

ADVICE DISREGARDED Mr. Nabarro declared that the Conservative Fuel and Power Committee had "constantly urged" on Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd the dangers of the developing coal shortage and measures for coping with it.

"Advice in these connections has largely been disregarded and what is already a dangerous fuel position fraught with difficulties to our balance of payments may become calamitous next year," Mr. Nabarro said.

Sir Anthony Eden called Mr. Lloyd to a Cabinet meeting earlier today when the fuel "revolt" was discussed.—Reuter.

NO BAIL FOR  
BELFRAGE

The New York, July 12. The United States Court of Appeals, in a unanimous decision on Tuesday, denied a motion by Cedric Belfrage, British-born editor of The National Guardian, a leftist publication here, for his release on bail.

The Court also upheld an order calling for deportation of Belfrage to England.—Associated Press.

POLICE SLAY 3

Algiers, July 12. Three Algerians were killed and four wounded at Blida, near Algiers, in a brush between police and Algerians yesterday.

One of the men killed, named Houari, had already been sentenced to death in absentia by the Blida Assizes court. Three Algerians were also arrested, and one policeman received slight injuries.—France-Press.

Faure To Submit Disarmament Plan

Paris, July 12. Premier Edgar Faure will submit to President Eisenhower and Britain's Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden on Sunday a disarmament plan which, if approved, will be discussed at the Big-Four talks which open in Geneva on Monday.

The French plan calls for a proportional cut in arms spending by the Big-Four powers and for the money thus saved to be paid into a joint fund to be used to aid under-developed countries.

Organisation Which A  
Divided Germany  
Could Join  
SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT

London, July 12.

Russia, in an eve of Geneva statement, tonight proposed a collective security organisation for Europe which both halves of Germany could join and declared that this would hasten German unity.

The organisation should be open to all European states, Moscow Radio said quoting an "authorised" Tass news agency statement.

All states willing to take part should be able to join the proposed organisation, Moscow Radio said.

The statement denied British and American suggestions that she had lost interest in reuniting Germany. Russia turned the accusation against the West who, by the Paris agreement, "have sacrificed the cause of German reunification for the sake of German militarism."

If it was not possible under present conditions to reach immediate agreement on reuniting Germany on "peace-loving and democratic foundations" the problem must be solved step by step by means of relaxing international tension.

Russia denied that she was afraid of the potential threat represented by a reunited Germany and said the danger of a new world war would be worst for Germany herself, who would be in the centre of military operations.

The statement said Russia still supports a policy leading to a united Germany.

The argument of some people in the West that the Soviet Union was opposed to a united Germany because she was afraid of the potential threat represented by such a united Germany was unjustified, the statement said.

LOSS OF INTEREST DENIED

Tass said that in connection with the forthcoming Big Four meeting the opinion was being expressed in the United States and Britain that the Soviet Union had allegedly lost her interest in the unification of Germany.

"Such an opinion does not express the true situation in so far as it is meant to represent the attitude of the Soviet Government to the German problem," Tass said.

It added Russia had always given priority to German unification while the Western powers had "brought to the forefront the creation of a West German army and the incorporation of West Germany in the military bloc of the Western powers."

"Is it not clear that by doing so the states who are signatories to these agreements (the Paris agreements rearming West Germany) have sacrificed the cause of German reunification?"

"These actions prove that the realisation of these plans is opposed to the plans for German reunification."

The statement said any new war would cause enormous and unprecedented human sacrifices and material destruction.

"In a modern war when new weapons of mass destruction have appeared—atomic, hydrogen, guided and others—it is obvious that not a single country taking part in the war could escape enormous destruction and human sacrifice."

"However, hardly anyone can doubt that the greatest danger of a new war would be for Germany. Germany would be in the centre of military operations with all the ensuing disasters for the German people."

"The solution of the German question is indissolubly linked with ensuring the security of Europe as a whole. That is now the view of all the European countries who are striving to safeguard their peaceful development."

"If it is not possible under present conditions to reach immediate agreement on the re-unification of Germany on peace-loving and democratic foundations, it will be necessary to obtain the solution of this problem step by step by means of relaxing international tension."

"This would be entirely in accordance with the establishment of an all-European system of collective security with the participation of all European states irrespective of their social and political differences."

DEPENDS ON WESTERN POWERS

"The German people are no less interested than others in the establishment of a collective security system in Europe. This system could be joined by both the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) and the Soviet Federal German Republic (West Germany) whose rapprochement is essential to hasten the restoration of German unity."

"Obviously as soon as a single, democratic, peace-loving Germany is restored she will occupy her worthy place in the family of peace-loving European peoples united by a system of collective security."

Tass said it now depended on the Western powers whether Germany "will remain torn in two or whether the German nation will be united in one state."

The statement referred to the "Eden Plan" on the question of free elections.

"However, in the new circumstances which have arisen in Germany in connection with the coming into force of the Paris agreement, of decisive importance is the question whether

claim that the solution of the problems concerning the reunification of Germany were to depend on the participation of a united Germany for example in the Warsaw agreement? There can be no doubt that this would not meet with the approval on the part of the Western powers."

"The four powers are bearing a heavy responsibility before the peoples of the fate of the world. This obliges the statesmen of these powers who are

Agreed To  
Landlady's  
Murder Request

Berlin, July 12. An East German refugee who testified that he had lured his landlady into a park and killed her with an axe when his landlady had given him the signal—a nudge in the ribs—was sentenced to hard labour for life by a West Berlin court.

Willi Kaemmerer, 40, told the court: "I could not say no" when his landlady, Frau Erna Gorko, at Jena, East Germany, asked him to rid her of her husband.

Kaemmerer murdered Gorko's husband in March last year. Frau Gorko then helped him to stones to the body and drop it in the Saale river. She was sentenced to life imprisonment by an East German court last February.—China Mail Special.

7 Boys  
Killed In  
Avalanche

Banff, July 12.

The Royal Canadian Mounted police announced on Tuesday that seven American boys attempting to scale one of the Canadian Rockies were killed in an avalanche.

Six of the boys were from Philadelphia and the seventh from St. Louis. The avalanche caught them on Monday within 2,000 feet of the top of 11,850-foot Mt. Temple.

They were in a group of 11 members of an expedition of the Wilderness Club of Philadelphia.

5 BODIES RECOVERED

A Banff Park official said none of the National Park officials knew the climb was being made. Five bodies have been recovered.

The dead, as announced by police were: Richard and James Bell, 13-year-old twins; William Wise, 15; William Watts, 10; Miles Marble, 12 and David Chapin, 15, all of Philadelphia; and Luther Seddon, 13, of St. Louis.

On Monday afternoon the boys made camp 3,000 feet up on Mt. Temple.

Eleven of the boys decided they would like to go higher. The boys climbed up to between 8,500 and 10,000 feet and found it would be impossible to go any higher. They had just started the return trip when the avalanche occurred, about 4 p.m.

It was estimated the boys tumbled down 300 feet in the avalanche.—Associated Press.

Ready To  
Discuss Vietnam  
Elections

London, July 12.

South Vietnam's United States-backed Government today was reported to be ready to agree to meet with the Communist leaders of North Vietnam next week to arrange all-Vietnam elections for 1956.

The move would eliminate one potential stumbling block to the success of the summit conference of Big Four leaders at Geneva, beginning next week.

United Press correspondent B. K. Tiwari cabled from New Delhi the news that the election arrangements would be made after the Communist Indo-Chinese leader Mr. Ho Chi-minh, arrived in Moscow for consultations with Soviet leaders on the elections and other issues which threatened trouble for the West at the Geneva conference.

United Press staff correspondent Kenneth Bradney reported by telephone from Moscow that Mr. Ho Chi-minh, in a brief message on reaching Moscow, made specific mention of the Vietnam elections under the name of the "Geneva" treaty agreement.—United Press.

PLANE CRASH

Tokyo, July 12. Japanese police reported four of six crewmen were killed today when a Japanese navy twin-engined PB-2 submarine attack plane crashed near Kagoshima City in Kyushu, Japan's westernmost island.

The police said two surviving crewmembers were badly injured.—Reuter.

CAN NOW LEAVE

London, July 12. Mrs. Phyllis Sispera, British-born bride, has received her travel documents to return to Britain from Prague with her three children, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

She hopes to leave Prague by the end of this week.—China Mail Special.

MURDERESS DUE  
TO DIE TODAY

Still She  
Seeks No  
Reprieve

London, July 12. Ruth Ellis, beautiful 28-year-old ash blonde murderess, waited calmly in the condemned cell of a woman's prison here tonight for the hangman to claim her in a few hours.

She was surrounded by bouquets of flowers sent to her by friends and well-wishers who were frantically organising 11th hour attempts to save her life. But neither flowers nor appeals seemed to break down her will to die on the gallows. Relations and friends who visited the cell today found her still smiling and unafraid.

Outside the prison hundreds of people read an official notice fixed to the gates. It said: "The sentence of the law passed upon Ruth Ellis found guilty of murder will be carried into execution at 9 a.m. tomorrow."

Since she emptied a revolver into a fit of jealous passion into her faithless lover, David Blakely, 25-year-old racing motorist, Mrs. Ellis has not lifted a finger to help herself.

WRITES TO FRIEND

Yesterday from the grim Holloway Prison she wrote to a man friend saying: "No doubt you have heard I do not want to live. You may find this hard to believe but that is what I want."

Several members of Parliament were tonight arranging a deputation to plead for her life with the Home Secretary, Mr. Gwilym Lloyd George, who yesterday announced there would be no reprieve for the former night club girl.

Petitions containing thousands of signatures and hundreds of telegrams have flooded into the Home Office asking mercy for Mrs. Ellis.

On her last day of life the condemned woman—mother of two children—was allowed to see relatives and friends.

Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, were with her for 35 minutes. The mother weeping, covered her face with a handkerchief as she left the prison.

Mrs. Ellis' best friend, a young French woman named Mrs. Jacqueline Dyer, also visited the cell. She said afterwards "Ruth looked well. But she was obviously under a terrible strain."

Mrs. Dyer featuring despairingly cried: "She will hang tomorrow. Whatever I say there is nothing we can do. Nothing can save her now."

"NOT TOLD ALL" Questioned about rumours of "new evidence" said to have been forthcoming the French woman said cryptically: "Only one person could save her—and she has not talked."

She added: "Ruth has not told all she knows which could have saved her."

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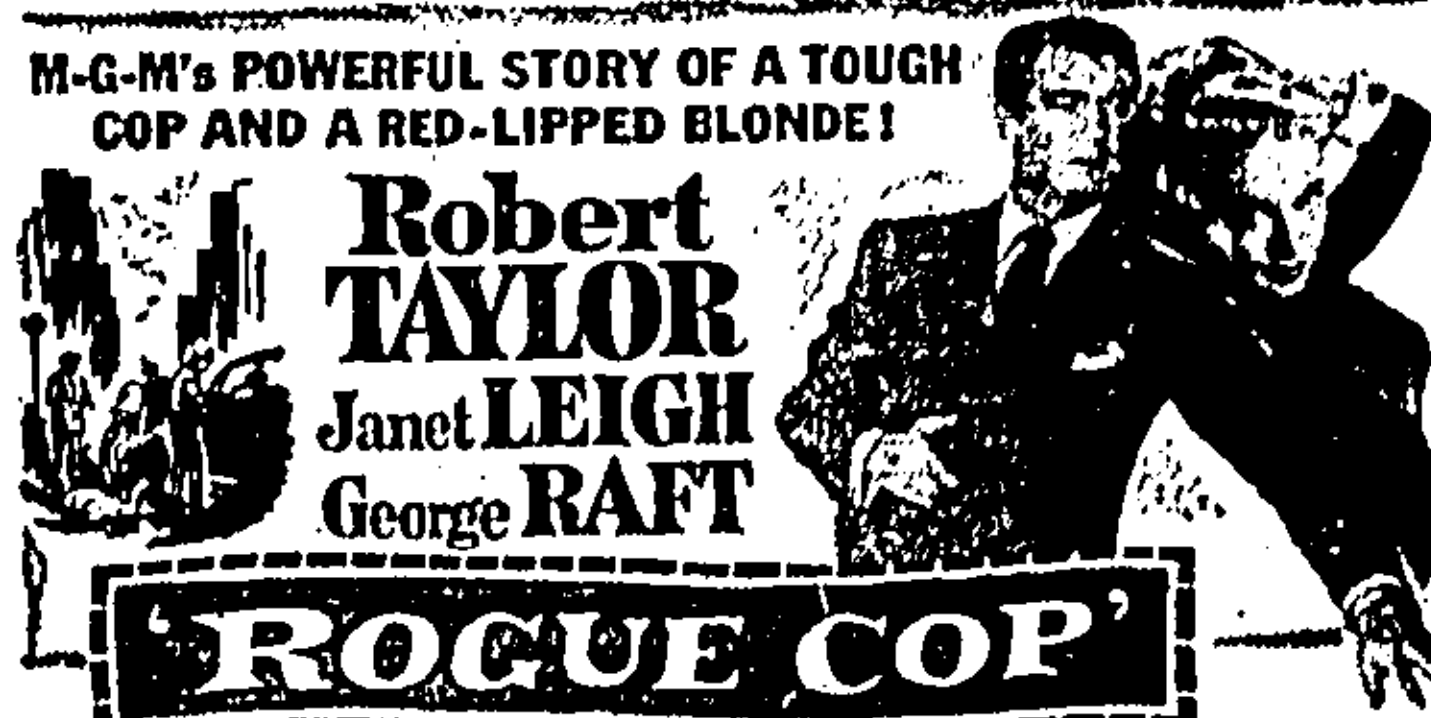
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## Among The Ladykillers



Seventeen-year-old Judy Verity — Miss Jamaica — meets some tough but friendly characters during a visit to Ealing Studios. She watched shooting of the new Michael Balcon comedy-thriller "The Ladykillers" and is pictured here chatting with Alec Guinness (right), and "gang members" Herbert Lom (extreme left) Danny Green and Peter Sellers. Judy, the model from Kingston, Jamaica, won a trip to Britain and a Rank screen test as prizes in the Miss Jamaica competition. — Reutersphoto.

DUKE PRESENTS  
RAF STANDARD  
VISITS NATO BASE

Bonn, July 12.

The Duke of Edinburgh, visiting the NATO air base at Oldenburg, today climbed into the cockpit of a Royal Air Force Hawker Hunter jet fighter and fired a burst from its four 30 millimetre cannons.

Earlier in the day he landed here in his four-engined Heron aircraft to present a standard to the Royal Air Force's No. 26 Fighter Squadron to mark its 25th anniversary.

The Duke flew from Lueneburg, 100 miles east of here, where he had spent a day with the Eighth King's Royal Irish Hussars of which he is Colonel-in-Chief.

## GREETED BY ENVOY

He removed his pilot's helmet and donned a jacket to emerge from the plane in the uniform of a Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

The Duke was greeted by the British Ambassador, Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar, Air Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, Commander-in-Chief of the Second Allied Tactical Air Force, and other high officers.

After taking coffee in the flying control building he put on the star and blue sash of the Order of the Garter and drove to the nearby parade ground in a Land Rover.

Seven of the latest Hawker Hunter jets lined one side of the parade ground, where No. 26 Squadron and No. 14 and 20 Squadrons, which also occupy the base were drawn up. No. 26 Squadron was the second in Germany to receive the Hawker Hunters.

The Duke's standard was broken from a flag pole as he arrived to be greeted with a royal salute.

The band played light music as the Duke inspected the parade.

After the light blue and gold standard had been unsheathed and laid on three piled drums, the Assistant Chaplain-in-Chief, the Rev. C. W. N. Groves, consecrated it.

The Duke emphasised in a short speech that the standard

NATIVE  
DIED OF  
FRIGHT

Capetown, July 12.

An African convicted last year of witchcraft murder, has died from no apparent cause other than fright.

He was sentenced to death, but the sentence was later commuted to 15 years imprisonment.

When he was working in Mbabane, Swaziland, he made a dash for freedom and managed to cross the Mbabane river.

A wanderer shouted to him to stop, and as he took no notice, fired at his feet.

The fugitive showed no sign of having been hit, but stopped running and remained standing until he was reached by the warder and others. He was handcuffed and put in a wagon to be brought back to goal. He died on the way.

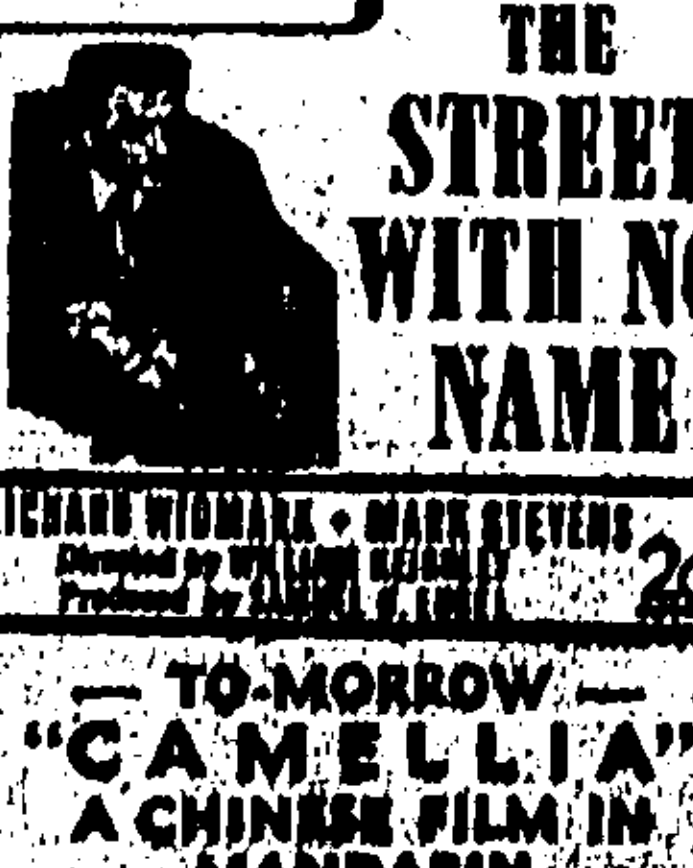
No sign of any bullet was found in his body, not any trace of his having been hit. His heart just stopped. — France-Press.

## MAJESTIC

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HELD OVER BY  
PUBLIC DEMAND

From the files of the FBI

Faure Has A Plan  
For Geneva  
EDEN WILL RAISE  
EAST—WEST  
TRADE PROBLEM

Paris, July 12.

Western experts making final preparations for Geneva reported to the North Atlantic Council today and will report to the Big Three Foreign Ministers on Friday.

NATO permanent representatives are thus able to give their governments time for detailed study of Western intentions before Saturday's full meeting of the Atlantic Council.

The French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, spent today working on his own Geneva projects and will give a press conference tomorrow (1500 GMT) accompanied by M. Antoine Pinay, his Foreign Minister.

## FAURE'S IDEAS

M. Faure's ideas, according to usually well-informed sources, include:

1. A Great Power undertaking to reduce armaments and put the money saved into a fund for aid to underdeveloped countries.

M. Faure is understood to believe this would make disarmament more acceptable being constructive instead of purely negative. "It would also, he thinks, help to ensure that arms cuts are carried out as the nations would have to pay on agreed amount into the international "reconversion fund."

The fund could also offset slump tendencies caused by the sudden arms cuts.

2. Some collective security arrangement perhaps with check points on both sides of the Iron Curtain to prevent surprise attack.

3. Freer East-West flow of goods, tourists and "ideas."

M. Faure leaves by air for Geneva on Saturday.

The French Ambassador, M. Louis Joxe, returned to Moscow from Paris today to be there for the Bastille Day reception at the French Embassy on Thursday.

Diplomatic observers believe this may be regarded by the Soviet leaders as a suitable occasion to give a last-minute review of their Geneva ideas. — Reuter.

London, July 12.

British Premier Sir Anthony Eden will raise the problem of East-West trade at the Big Four conference in Geneva, well-informed British sources disclosed here today.

In agreement with the United States and within the framework of an overall move to remove the causes of friction between East and West, the British delegate may offer Russia the removal of the Western embargo on exports of important strategic products to Communist countries in Eastern Europe.

One of the concessions which the West may offer is the dissolution of the "COCOM" or the Committee of Co-ordination of Western Powers (NATO countries including Federal Germany plus Japan) which controls the strategic embargo at its Paris headquarters, although Soviet officials have shown some indifference to the strategic controls, the Western Powers have good reasons to believe that the economic balance of the Communist coun-

## Empty Thrones

Rio de Janeiro, July 12.

Four empty thrones, bearing the coats of arms of four Roman Catholic cardinals imprisoned in Communist countries, will be placed among the thrones of 18 other cardinals during the International Eucharistic Congress here next week.

Yellow countymen of the imprisoned cardinals will keep the vacant thrones tended with fresh flowers.

The four are cardinals Josef Mindszenty of Hungary, Thomas Tien of China, Luis Sliepce of Yugoslavia, and Stefan Wyszyński of Poland. — China Mail Special.

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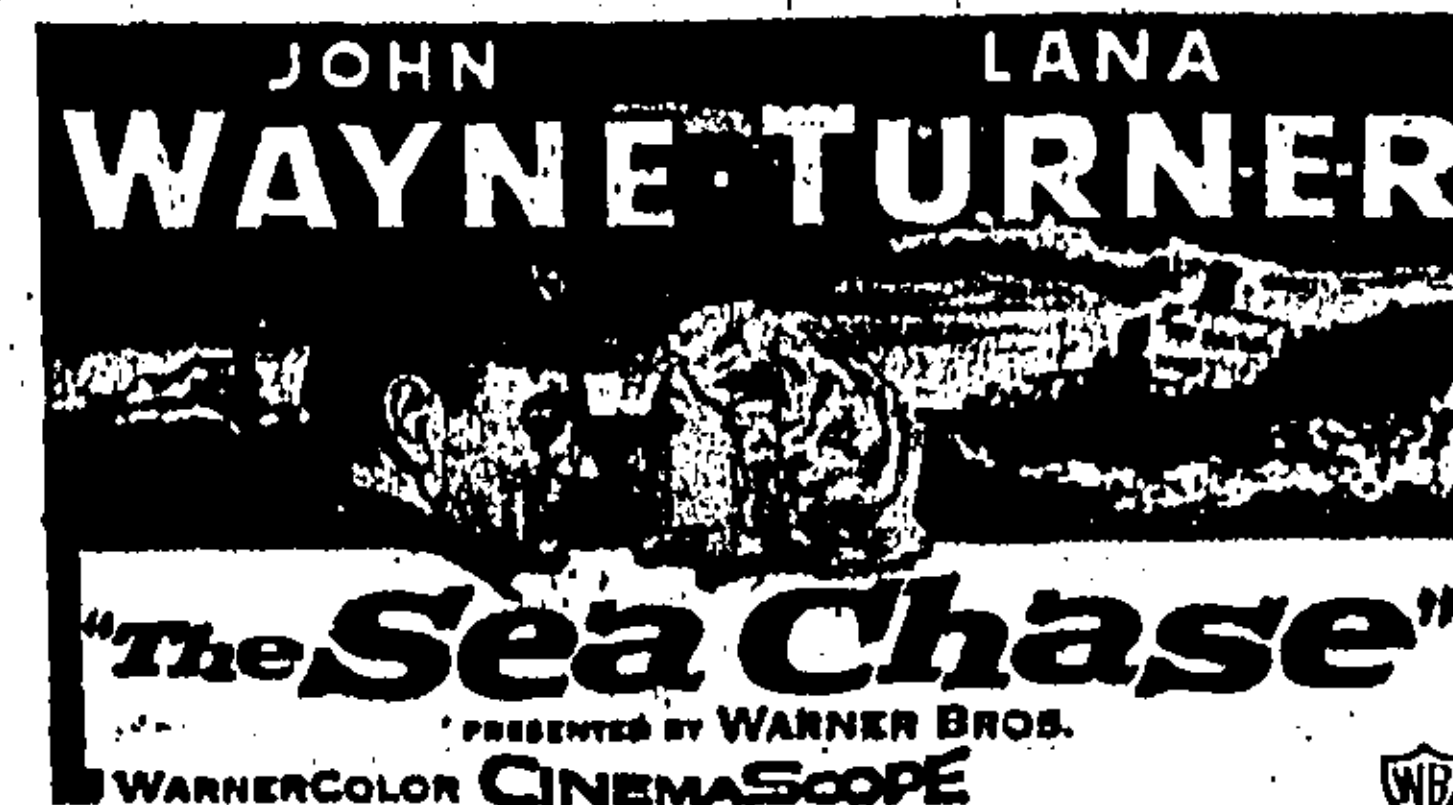
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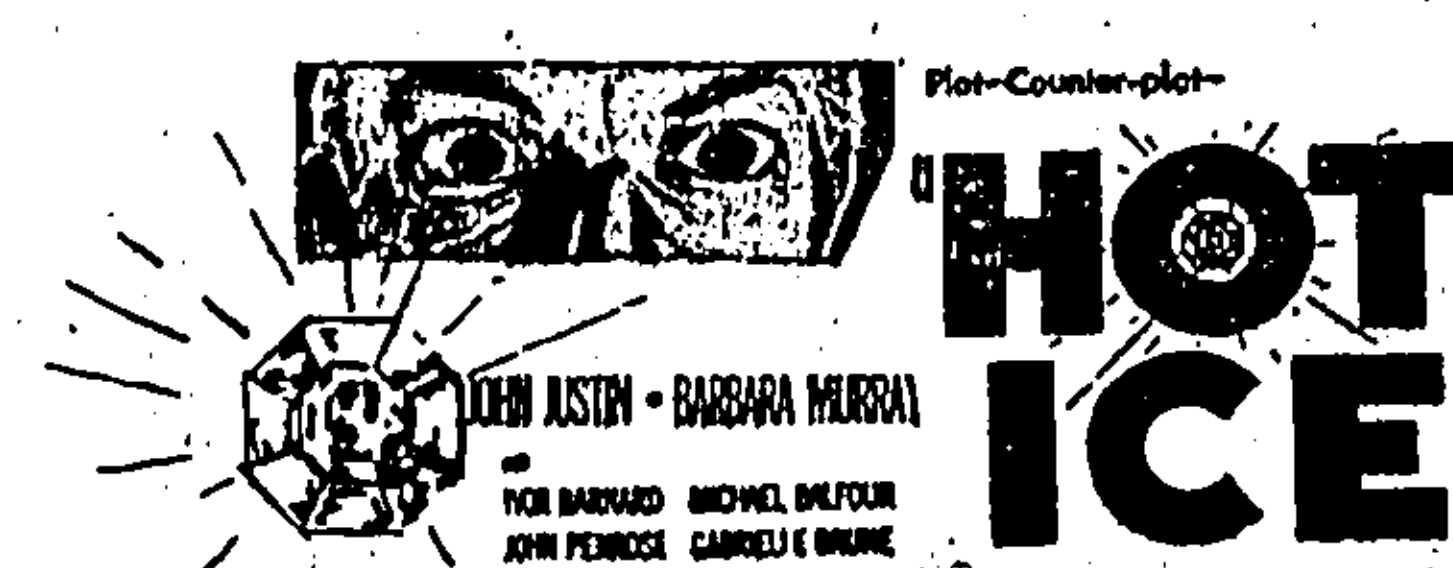
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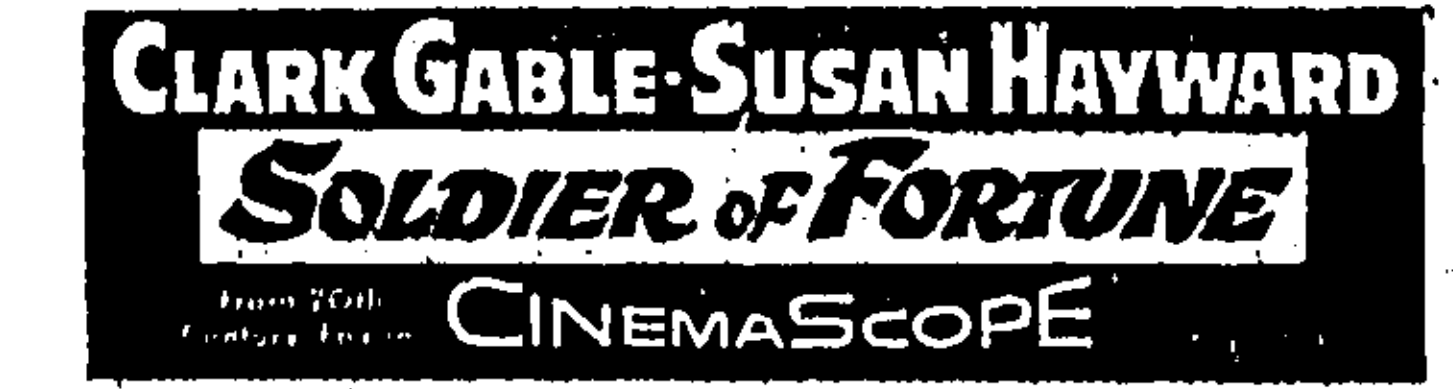
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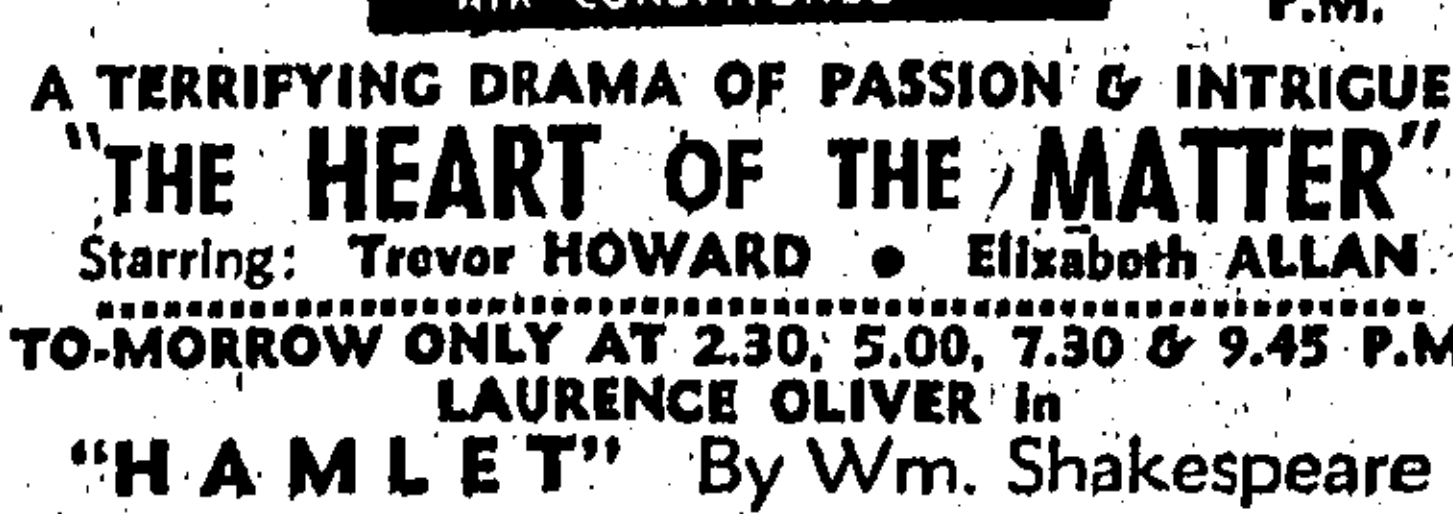


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# NATHANIEL GUBBINS

NOW it has been revealed that many thousands of refugees arriving in Western Germany from the Soviet zone are not running away from the Russians but from their wives, we can take a new look at the history of the British Empire.

Foreigners have often wondered why the people of Great Britain have spread themselves over the world. To foreigners we do not appear to be more reckless or more adventurous than anybody else.

Some have thought that Englishmen have fled their native land because of the weather, or because of past employment, or (in the case of the upper classes) because some toothy, flat-footed girl in smelly tweeds had refused to marry them.

We can now see it is possible that these unhappy chaps fought their way through swamps and virgin forests, swam rivers, and sailed the seven seas not because their offers of marriage had been turned down but because they had been accepted.

Many a tiger in the jungle may have been killed not because the hunter had been jilted but because it looked too much like the hunter's English wife in a bad temper.

Therefore, those who are wearing hats this Sunday morning, even the eccentric ones who are wearing them in bed, should now raise them reverently to the frightening little women of England.

But for their babbling tongues, their shepherd's plies and their rissos the people of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand might be speaking a foreign language today. India might never have been won and lost, China might never have seen the red faces of foreign (English) devils, and Darkest Africa might still be dark... and much happier.

You may go to sleep again now.

Oh, Rats!

ACCORDING to one of my American newspapers a Dr Schenke has been trying to prove once more that we are what we eat.

White rats descended from the same stock were used for the experiment, the luckiest

rats being those selected to live on a French diet.

From childhood they were fed on French food such as potatoes, rich meats with succulent sauces, and salads drenched with fine dressings.

The rats grew up round-bellied and amiable, ate their meals with careful appreciation, and showed marked excitability in the presence of female rats.

Rats fed on the Russian peasant's diet of black bread and cabbage soup became morose and antisocial. Rats fed on a Japanese diet of raw fish, rice, and crabs grew up small and energetic.

Others fed on a typical American diet of rare steaks and ice-cream became big, cheerful rats who, to quote Dr Schenke, "were depressed only when they were kept in small, confined quarters. They seemed to want to go places." If he had provided a dance band they would probably have gone places with red-hot mornina rats.

The learned doctor's biggest surprise was a heavy, stocky rat with rough hair and bristling whiskers who was "ready to fight at the drop of a hat."

This unhappy creature had been fed on a typical English manual worker's diet of white bread and jam, boiled beef, boiled mutton, boiled vegetables, and tea. It seemed full of grievances and was in a permanent bad temper.

If it had belonged to a union it would probably have been on strike.

Dream Girl

IN a further attempt to transport you for a while from the anxious present to the carefree past I continue my small saga of holidays long ago. The scene is the same as last time, Margate and Cliftonville, but as nine years have elapsed what had been a little boy happy in good enough for a youth of 17.

The Margate that was his paradise is now considered rather vulgar and the respectable Cliftonville that was his heaven has become his seventh heaven. Full of handsome, amusing young men and beautiful girls.

At 17 you took your holidays at a gulp. You caught an early train, walked fast to your boarding house (no money to spare for cabs or even trams), and before lunch you were in your "whites."

The "whites" in my case were yellowing flannel trousers shrunk in the wash and a blazer

that was growing loose. The whites were intended to kill the girls, particularly one in the next boarding house who wore a striped cotton frock and a wide straw hat decorated with artificial wheat sheaves, poppies, and cornflowers.

She was probably quite an ordinary girl but to Shrunken Whites she seemed too lovely even to look at except with furtive, sidelong glances.

At that time a man of 17 was a bit of a dog if he could inhale cigarette smoke without choking and blow smoke rings.

One afternoon the Dream Girl in her wide straw hat was sitting in a deck-chair listening to a concert. There were several empty seats to be had, but instead of taking the one next to her nervous Shrunken Whites spent his sixpence on a chair two seats away.

There he inhaled one cigarette after another and blew his smoke rings to no purpose at all, for the Dream Girl took no notice of anybody until a witty, wide-shouldered young man came along, sat beside her and displayed a technique entirely new to Shrunken Whites. The young man pretended to eat the artificial wheat sheaves on the Dream Girl's hat.

From then on, Shrunken Whites' holiday paradise became a purgatory. He knew he could never remember any music-hall

gags, never find the courage to eat the Dream Girl's artificial wheat sheaves, never even say "Good evening" to a girl who was too sophisticated to care about smoke rings.

But at least he could make his shoulders as wide as his rival's.

That was why he appeared round the bandstand the next evening with the shoulders of his blazer stuffed with handkerchiefs, and got his biggest laugh, not only from the Dream Girl, but from everybody else.

I Love You (Fortissimo)

I AM indebted to Time Magazine for the information that 31-year-old Gloria Vanderbilt has written her first book of poems.

Gloria's publishers say that the poems are her own personal, poignant expressions of a mood. Gloria told an interviewer that they are all "serene and raging, unique and true, tender and thunderous."

As they are personal experiences, "tender and thunderous" sounds like a girl trying to tell a deaf man of her love. But even if Gloria did marry 73-year-old Leopold Stokowski, there is no evidence that he was deaf at the time.

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"CAN IT BE THAT THERE IS SOME METHOD OF EDUCATION LESS PRIMITIVE THAN THIS?"

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## The Shuck Dog

Another story in our FACT or FICTION series. Did this tale actually happen? You have until tomorrow to decide. The answer will then be published.

(based on fact) about animals.

The change-over period was pretty worrying like sailing a small boat in an unknown sea with cross-currents. This little story about Rover, a red setter, will, I think, fairly illustrate the muddle and confusion of that period. Before the physical body was "broken-in to hard graft," as Jimmy the stockman called labouring work.

I set out with my brother-in-law Sam, one driving lorry and trailer, the other motorcar and caravan, to farm 240 acres of more or less derelict land on the North Norfolk coast. Sam was even more ignorant than myself.

### A criticism

Also, he had no capital. Very soon the differences in our outlook led to a criticism by me of nearly all Sam did. To show the sort of chap he was, he drove my three-cylinder sports car job holding the driving wheel with two hands like claws exactly at 12 o'clock. What would happen if a front tyre burst? How could he control the car at speed?

"If a front tyre burst at 40, the speed I go at, then all I can say is it deserves to burst." "The tyre is sound." "Then what are you worrying about?" A racing driver holds the wheel at twenty past eight, elbows well in, ready to grip in an emergency.

### Wild birds

"I'm not a racing driver." I paid Sam £1 a week plus keep until such time as the farm made a profit, when we would go 50-50. With one week's wages he bought, believe it or not, a dog. It was a shooting dog, he explained.

He wanted to help me relax, and had I not often painted a glowing picture of ourselves living off the land? Well, there was a dog to retrieve the pheasants when we had shot them. Our farm was 240 acres, and full of wild birds—it had been used mainly as a sporting preserve, hence the woods, ever since the depression of 1923, fourteen years before.

Often, said Sam, I had said that we must have a shoot. And said to him, "Why don't you use your initiative? Well, he had, and out of the woods came Rover, a beautiful dog, a Red pedigree setter. "I have seen the pedigree, I absolutely guarantee Rover," said Sam.

I knew Sam's "absolute guarantee." They were his own personal convictions. He had absolutely guaranteed the old lorry we had bought, after it had been reconditioned, and on taking delivery, I had found faulty brakes, dud battery, a broken spring, etc. He had absolutely guaranteed

but why go on? I had tried to explain that a guarantee was purely a question of contract. And for whom was he working when he bought on my behalf? The fellow who had something to sell?

Sam replied testily: "If you are going to take everything I say literally, then that finally disposes of the matter."

"I do expect every word to be taken literally. What else are words for? To muffle facts?"

"You use them to pick holes in my character. I have nothing more to say," Sam lapped into dignified silence.

### First shoot

We had our first shoot, and a fiasco it was. I had left Sam to arrange the stands with Jimmy, the stockman, details of where were to wait at every drive, behind concealing hedges, or in front of woods.

The beaters, crossing roots and stubble, would drive the birds over the line of guns, that was the idea. But something early went wrong. The beaters came across a field of yellow sugar beet sure enough, but at right angles to the line of guns.

So, well out of gunshot, we watched coveys of partridges and pheasants in twos and threes clattering and rocketing away over the boundary.

He couldn't help what the birds did, Sam said. They had obviously wanted to go that way, so they had gone, and there the matter rested as far as he was concerned, said Sam.

The next drive was across a stubble field, from out of our Eight Acre wood, a large field judging by Devon standards, more than 20 acres. It was our best field, and we were mucking it before ploughing for winter wheat. And just as the birds began to leave the cover, before the tapping of the beaters in the wood, what should move between the edge of the wood and line of guns but the lorry, swaying with two tons of well-rotted bullock muck. The birds averted, whizzing over another boundary.

"What the — Why the —" "Now, now," said Sam, "I took you literally. You said, or rather yelled, that nothing must interfere with the farm work."

### A tempest...

I wanted nothing out of the farm; I wanted to be free to travel like Somerset Maugham, to find new ideas and subjects, and out of literary earnings help a family venture? The idea had been that I should put the farm in order writing at night to earn capital, working by day to lead the reclamations, and when it was done I was to leave Sam to run it for the family, sharing profits with them.

"Yew was sucked in over that dorg," said the stockman to me later. It was some consolation to be called guv'nor after our series of fiascos. "What you doin' buyin' that dorg for? You wait till there come a tempest!"

They still used those old words in Norfolk. They didn't wear leggings or gaiters, they wore bunskins. Jimmy explained that he had seen dogs like Rover flee tall-down at the first strike of lightning.

"I know that keeper what sold that dorg, guv'nor. He trained it with a stick instead of wif' kindness. Now it be bruck, guv'nor. Y'all see it be a tempest, runnin' in the river, tearin' itself in barbed wire, or-roarin' and a-bawlin' like the Shuck Dorg."

by Henry Williamson

TAKING THE OTTER (1922), which won him the Hawththornden Prize, remains Henry Williamson's most famous book, although he has consolidated his reputation with his series of English middle-class life centred on the character of Philip Maddison. Fox Under My Cloak is the latest contribution to this series.

As he explains here, Williamson used to farm in Norfolk, and The Story of a Norfolk Farm (1941) is based on this episode. Married, he now lives in Devon.

The Shuck Dog was a legendary ghost-hound that ran the Holkham Gap.

The setter used to come into the caravan and hold up a paw to be taken, while gazing sweetly into my eyes. If I did not take his paw it would whine—a nuisance of a dog. Rover, what a name! Shuck would have been more appropriate. I told Sam, "Or Guarantee! There it lay, paw in my left hand, sighing happily to sleep, while I sat at the plywood caravan table, pen in right hand, writing of the found joys of yeoman farming."

### Family venture

To be candid, I knew that my manner and manners were all wrong towards poor old Sam. Had not this gentle fellow left help a family venture? The idea had been that I should put the farm in order writing at night to earn capital, working by day to lead the reclamations, and when it was done I was to leave Sam to run it for the family, sharing profits with them.

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That had been the dream, or conceit, and as winter of that year drew on, Sam, I noticed, began to study the Situation Vacant in his newspaper. He complained of headaches; he could not think, he said, in my presence. He said he could feel me thinking for him all the time. That was his explanation of why he had driven the lorry, which I had brought from Devon a week previously with a load of furniture under noops and green canvas hood, straight into its bay of the low, curt shed as though noops and furniture had not been behind him.

There was only six inches above the cab-top without those noops, which were four feet taller.

"I could not help myself," said Sam. "I could feel you projecting the crash from your mind, and I felt helpless." This was frightening, for I had been anticipating the crash a few moments before it occurred. But then I knew Sam. Anyway, whatever the cause, it was a pretty bad situation; and when one Friday Sam announced that he had got a job elsewhere, I had to fight against feelings of desperation, fear and failure.

"In a way, I am rather sorry to be going," said Sam. "I feel I'm letting you down. Anyway, I shan't be able to take Rover with me, so do you mind if I leave him with you?"

At this the setter looked up at me, a coy expression on its slitten snout, while its tail softly swept my feet.

### A dozen cats

Already we had a dozen cats coming up to the caravan among the oaks and pines on the chalky hill above the village. They came from barn and even the woods, half-wild creatures with husky voices, lean flanks, and the distraught expressions of rat-killers. Sam had been feeding them.

They were moving in everywhere. I was feeling in the box of tools under the caravan for an adjustable spanner—what Sam called a monkey-wrench—and Jimmy a crew-hammer—one morning and was prepared for cold iron, but with a start drew back my hand from something very soft and hot.

All welcome, I could imagine the mother cat purring, as she touched my fingers with kitten-softness.

"I have a great sympathy for Rover's state of mind," said Sam. "I have tried to lead him into new ways, rather as they treat cases of nervous wreckage, to build them up again with new occupations."

He had trained the dog to carry the old leather bag, which had belonged to his father—a beautiful early Victorian hand-made job—from the caravan every lunch hour for Sam. But the atrocious taste to use that bag for sandwiches. Rover used to run back to the caravan, take the bag, in his

mouth, and return to wherever Sam was working.

"Poor Rover," Sam said. "You've had a bad time, haven't you? Crouching down while guns went off six days a week in the season, 200 reports at this stand, 400 at that!—Rover had come from the great estate up the coast, where the annual bag was anything up to 6,000 wild pheasants. Like being under a Passendale barrage."

"Strange to hear you talking like that, Sam," I felt a sudden warm feeling for him.

"As a matter of fact, I got the idea from you." Then seeing my face, he burst out with "You'll never know I looked up to you, until I came here to work with you! All the time I was abroad, and utterly lonely—you had been in the war—I was too young for! And now—but I'll say no more."

### A barrage

On the night Sam left we had a tempest on the North Norfolk coast. The lightning struck and burned violet all about the hill, the oaks under the terrific flashes seemed turned to stone. Rain fell like a barrage. I feared for the metal caravan. Rover, when I looked at him, began to whimper, before fleeing with a howl like aluminium sheeting torn across.

The next day I put some cartridges in the old-leather bag, and set out with Rover, gun under arm, I meant to bury him under an old tree. One of us had to go.

Rover followed obediently. When he touched my hand with his muzzle, I felt unhappy. When I got to the tree, I found I had left the cartridge bag in the caravan. Much relieved, I was about to go back when Rover, who had been watching my face turned and ran away.

That's settled it, I said to myself. I must put him down. As I walked back, he came running to me, cartridge bag in mouth. He let me take it; as a well-bred dog lets his master take a retrieved bird, gently, from his tender mouth.

Rover was a great favourite with the children, when they came from Devon. So was Uncle Sam when he visited us. Oddly enough it was ranked an "A" farm by then.

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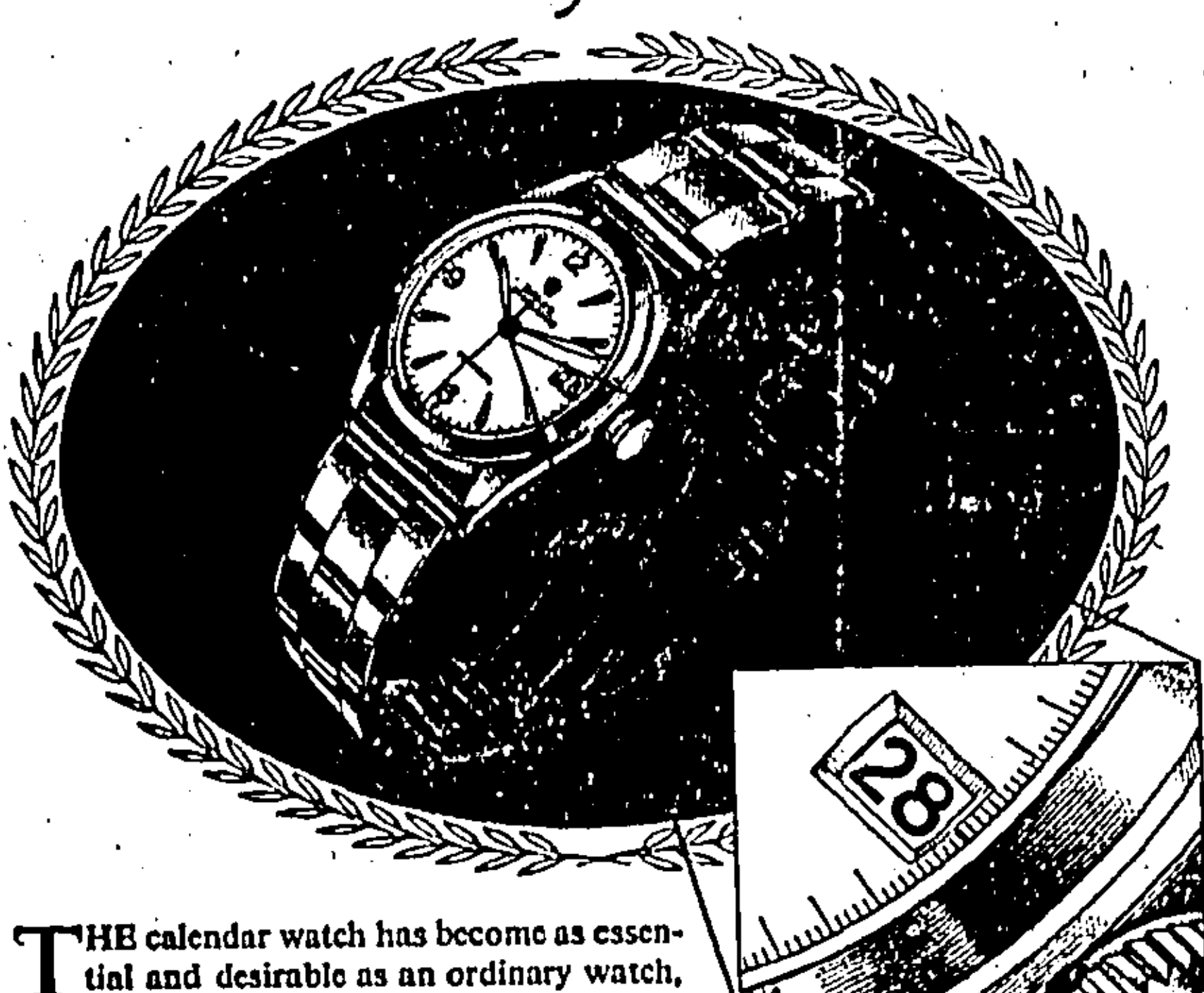
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## THE THIRD TEST SPRINGBOKS SNATCH A THREE-WICKET VICTORY FROM ENGLAND

Manchester, July 12.—South Africa, beaten in the first two Tests, turned the tables on England at Old Trafford, Manchester, in a dramatic victory by three wickets with three minutes to spare.

The well deserved success was South Africa's first in Tests at Old Trafford and only their third in the entire series in England. At the same time England suffered their first defeat for 53 years on the Lancashire ground.

They had been unbeaten since the Australians' famous triumph by three runs in 1902.

Evans, as brave a player as any who has appeared on the Test scene since England's outside chance of saving the day when despite his fractured little finger, he batted last and cracked the South African bowlers to all parts of the boundary for an amazing 36.

Had Evans got his way in arguments with May, his captain, the Kent man would have been behind the stumps in the last innings. May would not think of letting Evans take the risk of further injury, and Graveney wore the gloves.

He kept splendidly despite a swollen finger—an addition to the long list of injuries suffered on the fast turf, and except for a half chance in the last quarter of an hour, which only a wicket-keeper of Evans skill could have held, he did nothing wrong.

### WINNING HIT

Waite made the winning hit, a fluent off-drive to the boundary off Tyson but to McGlew and McLean went most of the honour for keeping the rubber alive.

McGlew stood his ground, though hit, several times by Tyson at his fiercest and he stayed 100 minutes of the 130 minutes his side spent over their task.

McLean turned the tide which suddenly ran for England when Bedser snatched two early wickets. The century maker of the Lords Test batted superbly for 50.

Winslow with huge sixes and a four in 16 helped to settle the issue at a crucial stage. May did not use Bailey or Titmus in the last innings and Tyson, Bedser and Lock bore the burden. Once more it was brave batting against a big hearted bowling that gained the day.

The weather remained oppressively hot and the pitch was as fast as ever when Cowdrey (42) and Lock, the overnight "stop gap" with three to his name, resumed their partnership, this morning.

Lock resisted nearly an hour, scoring 19 to four by Cowdrey before McGlew, despite his bad thumb, smartly caught him at mid-off.

England, then 270 for five, led by only 33 with five hours left for play.

A bigger blow followed, Cowdrey, having completed 50 in four hours, edged a catch to second slip.

Bailey, not obviously troubled by his groin strain, proceeded to close one end. Titmus made it clear that the other would not readily fall, for he straightaway drove Heine to the screen.

The pair were still together at lunch when England, with four wickets left, (counting

Evans as a batsman) stood 50 ahead. Bailey went in to lunch with a tally of six runs in 65 minutes.

Run getting as well as time was vital for England. Titmus did his best to increase South Africa's lead by delightfully square-cutting two fours in the opening overs after lunch, but in his new found enthusiasm for scoring he chased an outswinger from Adecock and edged a catch to slip.

Titmus set the crowd roaring by cracking his rival fast bowler Heine at expressed speed through the corders but the promise of a typical knock by the Northamptonshire man ended as Heine yanked him.

Heine, still fast, though taking a shortened run, induced a catch at the wicket by Bedser at 333. Then to a thunderous round of cheers came the invalid, Evans, with a bandage reinforcing the glove on the finger he had fractured.

Evans needed no shielding, he attacked Heine, straight driving him for four and slashing him to the boundary in the same over. Turning his attention to Goddard, the injured England wicket keeper on drove and hooked him for two fours in an over. The drive was a bare inch short of being a six.

There was better to follow, for Evans stole the bowling and eluded Tayfield for 11-4-2-4 and one in an over in which McGlew dropped a difficult catch on the run.

Evans hit yet another four off Goddard, then fell in the grand manner, caught off a full blooded knock to the deep and England, at 1500 hours were all out for 581.

Evans hit seven fours in his brilliant display which brought him 36 of the remarkable last wicket stand of 48 in 40 minutes.

Bailey accomplished his mission with 38 not out in three hours. Heine took the bowling honour with five wickets for 86 but Adecock was little behind him in general effectiveness, with three for 53.

South Africa, needing 145 to win in 33 minutes made no news about their intentions. Seven runs, including a cut four by McGlew, came off the first over from Tyson and Bedser's opening over brought the same number.

Eighteen came in 15 minutes. Then Bedser struck twice and sent England's hopes soaring. First Goddard mistimed an intended drive and May easily held a catch lofted in mid-off.

In Bedser's next over Keith, another left-hander, played right over a ball well up to him and South Africa after 40 minutes batting, were 23 for two.

Much depended for South Africa on McLean weathering Tyson's onslaught. McLean swung his bat at Bedser and hit a six over the square leg hopes.

THE SCOREBOARD  
England 1st Innings 284, 2nd Innings 381.  
South Africa, 1st Innings 621 for eight declared.

S. AFRICA, 2ND INNINGS  
B. A. McLean, run out . . . 30  
D. J. McGlew, b. Tyson . . . 48  
T. L. Goddard, c. May, b. Bedser . . . 3  
H. J. Keith, b. Bedser . . . 0  
P. Winslow, b. Tyson . . . 10  
P. Mansell, lbw, b. Tyson . . . 4  
J. Waite, not out . . . 10  
W. Endean, c. Titmus, b. Lock . . . 2  
H. Tayfield, not out . . . 0  
Extras . . . 0

Total for seven . . . 145  
Fall of wickets: 1/10, 2/23, 3/90, 4/112, 5/120, 6/132, 7/135.

BOWLING  
Tyson . . . 13.3 2 55 3  
Bedser . . . 10 1 51 2  
Lock . . . 9 2 28 1  
—France-Press.

Invitation Relay  
The 10 Medium Regt. is holding a Swimming gala at Victoria Pool at 2 p.m. this afternoon. The Invitation Relay will be a 4 x 1 freestyle—open to Army, Navy and Air Force.

UNACCEPTABLE DOCTRINE  
"As for the umpiring," Sir George continued, "it is the duty of a service judge to keep the letter of the law. The suggestion that he should ignore minor infringements in conformity with some gentlemen's agreement is, to me, a new and quite unacceptable doctrine."

Sir George said, "I think his criticisms entirely unjustified. It seemed to me that the Americans, in common with the other visiting teams, were made very welcome; and that the prevailing spirit among the players, including the Malaysians, was one of genuine friendliness and good fellowship. To suggest that the home players were under orders to keep aloof seems to me sheer nonsense."

THE SCOREBOARD  
American . . . 5 10 2  
National . . . 0 13 1  
(12 Innings)  
Pierce Wynn, Ford (7), Sullivan (6) and Berra; Roberts, Haddix (4), Newcombe (7), Jones (8), Nuxhall (8), Conley (12) and Crandall, Burgess (6), Lopata (8), Winning pitcher, Conley, lower Sullivan.

Home runs—American, Mantle, National Musial. Associated Press.

Working behind the scenes England's soccer bosses are making plans for the new critical season starting on August 26. James Connolly knows these top names in football intimately. He has visited them at their clubs and in their homes. He has collected some fascinating stories of their background, their views on soccer's trends, of great players and of their achievements and ambitions. He presents them in MEET THE BOSS.

## WHY 'DALLY' DUNCAN NEVER WENT BACK

By JAMES CONNOLLY

Douglas Duncan was 17 when he arrived in Yorkshire. He expected to stay for only a long week-end and a trial with Hull City.

That was 28 years ago—but he has never returned to his native Aberdeen, except for a holiday.

At Hull, Irish International Bill McCracken set him on the road to Soccer stardom with some good advice, and the chance to do what he wanted most in life.

It was this same Douglas Duncan—"Dally" to everyone in football—who last season took Luton Town into the First Division of the Football League for the first time in their history.

An incredible achievement, since Luton had only 20 full-time professionals.

Forty-five-year-old "Dally" has been in and around football for as long as he can remember. It all started when he was little more than a toddler.

He carried big brother Jim's football boots to matches of the local Aberdeen Richmond side.

He had two motives—fanatical hero-worship of his brother and free admission to matches as a reward for his labour.

The nickname? Well, Duncan was such a little chap that his brother affectionately called him "Dally."

"I used to love dribbling with the ball so I would hang on to it. The switch in nicknames was natural enough," he told me.

This soft-voiced Scot with the pawky sense of humour, captained his school team (Old Aberdeen) at 11, played for his country as a schoolboy and a man (1932-37), and became one of Scotland's greatest left wingers.

"As a boy I spent every spare moment kicking a rubber ball around on the top of the street."

"When the other boys weren't there I worked hard on little dribbling tricks with which I hoped to surprise them."

The proudest moment of a brilliant career? Undoubtedly when he was chosen to succeed the immortal Alan Morton as Scotland's left wing partner to the great Alex James.

HE DID SCORE  
Even the 5-2 defeat by Wales didn't spoil the moment. After all Dally did score.

The greatest star he ever played with? Without hesitation "Dally" goes for Bob McPhail (Rangers), a player who had flash-quick reflexes to match his darting feet.

The secret of his success? Just that he has never wavered in the conviction that fans will pay to watch good football and that like the players, they will enjoy it.

In the past Luton have paid some fancy prices for box-office stars to boost hopes and gates. Now they will try to find their own stars among the local youngsters.

"We are determined to give local boys every chance," said "Dally." "I have tried out at least 50 in the past couple of weeks."

His chairman, Mr Percy Mitchell, and his directors are solidly behind him on this idea.

"Dally" Duncan enjoys his games of golf—he was down to a single figure handicap at Derby—or bowls. But somehow, in the hurry-burly of reaching for Soccer stardom, he has never got around to driving a car.

### HARDLY NEEDS ONE

He hardly needs one. He lives in a neat little terrace house not 100 yards from the Luton ground.

His wife Dorothy—a Derby girl—on special occasions proudly wears the Cup medal he won with Derby County in 1948 as a pendant on a gold chain.

The First Division doesn't hold any terrors for "Dally." "My boys are constructive," he says, "and young enough to improve. The First Division will sharpen their reflexes and make them better players. They'll have the chance to play the way they like it."

Luton open their home First Division programme against "Spurs on August 27, and "Dally" hopes for a full house.

Success hasn't come automatically to the quiet, unassuming Luton boss. He has given up life to football, nine years of it as a player and manager at Luton.

The club's success and prosperity is a well-earned reward. (London Express Service)

### ROYAL HUNT CUP

## Probable Starters And Jockeys

London, July 13.

Twenty-three probabilities and jockeys for the Royal Hunt Cup to be run over one mile at 1445 GMT at Ascot today are:

Military Court (E. Mercer), Chivalry (L. Pigott), Sunny Brae (W. Elliott), Minstrel (C. Gaston), Tudor Honey (W. Rickaby), Coronation Year (D. Smith), Sharragh (G. Kelhing), Rejoicing (H. Hughes), Sugar Ray (E. Smith), Stormy Hour (W. Swinburn), Swoop (D. Ryan), Come Turn (J. Egan), Wayfarer (F. Durr), Immortal (P. Robinson), Fair Risk (D. Greening), Waymouth Bay (A. Breasley), Nicholas Nickleby (W. Smith), Romyany Minstrel (J. Terry), Coronation Boy (T. Carter), Affreux (R. Reader), River Line (D. Morris), Buckley (D. Keith) and Dorking (S. Millbanks).

Six probabilities and jockeys for £13,500 Ascot Gold Cup, to be run over 2½ miles at 1525 GMT today (Wednesday) are:

Elipenor (S. Boulenger), Sillex II (H. Paul Blano), Blue Prince II (W. H. Carr), Gala Performance (L. Pigott), Blaney Stone (W. Rickaby) and Botticelli (E. Camici). All carry nine stones.—China Mail Special.

## It's Up To Trabert To Defend Davis Cup For America In 1956

New York, July 13.

It's too early to make any definite predictions about the 1956 Davis Cup, but one thing is clearly evident—it's up to Tony Trabert to defend it for the U.S.

Australia, which plays in the American Zone this year, is favoured to win through to the Challenge Round, so it probably will be Trabert, Vice-Selxas and Ham Richardson against Ken Rosewall, Lew Hoad and Rex Hartwig.

Trabert is the key man. If he is at the peak of his game, America should win again, with two singles victories by Tony and a Trabert-Selxas victory over the Aussie doubles team.

But if Tony falters, Australia could sweep to an easy triumph, because it appears that Selxas is well past his best and could lose two singles matches and Richardson also is off his best form. Ham lost in the first round at Wimbledon this year.

The Aussie schedule also may play an important part, but whether for good or bad for the Aussies can't be foretold yet. They meet Mexico on July 15-17 at Chicago, then meet the Brazil-Cuba winner, then meet the winner of the Canada-Pakistan-British West Indies upper-half of the American Zone.

Next the American Zone winner meets the Eastern Zone winner, and that winner plays the European Zone winner for the Right to challenge America. Thus Australia, assuming it wins all the way, will play five straight weekends of Davis Cup tennis before making its challenge.

These ways serve as excellent tune-ups for the Challenge Round, or they may wear down the Aussie team and bring them to the final round too tired to play their best. The Americans meanwhile will be playing all grass court tournaments in an effort to reach their peak for the Cup play on August 20-22, at Forest Hills.

NO TOP-FLIGHT MAN  
One other long-range Cup factor seems clear, too. America has no other really top-flight man coming up behind Trabert. Richardson, who will become a Rhodes scholar this autumn, won't have as much time to devote to international tennis.

Hugh Stewart and Tony Vincent did nothing of importance on this year's international swing, and Bob Perry seems to be a few years away still. Gil Shea is good, but not of top international calibre. Selxas, Art Larsen, Gardnar Mulloy, Tom Brown and Bill Trabert, also among the first ten for the 1954 rankings, all are too old.

If America wins the Cup again this year, with Trabert the big man and Tony goes on to win the U.S. Nationals a week later, he will turn professional.

So in 1956 the U.S. may not be a strong defender of the Davis Cup. It quite possibly could lose the Inter-Zone Finals to Sweden or Italy in 1956, if Australia wins the cup this year but Trabert is impressive enough to turn pro anyhow.

However, U.S. officials aren't worrying about 1956 yet. They have enough worry with the '55 defence, but if Trabert is on top form, their worries are over.—United Press.

### MILWAUKEE, JULY 12.

Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals hit a home run into the right field stands on the first pitch of the 12th inning to give the National League a 6-5 victory over the American League in the second overtime game in All-Star Major League baseball history.

Musial's home run came off Frank Sullivan of the Boston Red Sox, climaxing one of the most dramatic games ever played in this baseball series.

A teammate of Musial's, Red Schoendienst, provided a home run to win the other extra inning All-Star game 4-3 for the National League at Chicago in 1950. A 288-foot homer by Mickey Mantle in the first inning, scoring three runs, provided the momentum which carried the American Leaguers into the seventh inning with a 6-0 lead over their National League rivals.

Then Willie Mays of the New York Giants hit a spark under his teammates which brought in the tying runs—two in the seventh and there in the eighth.

Both rallies were started by singles from Mays' bat. The shadows were falling over the County Stadium, but the Milwaukee Braves and the crowd of 45,000 was clinging to its seats when Musial, one of the game's all-time great stars, came to bat in the 12th to face Sullivan, who had been pitching brilliantly.

It was the ninth victory for the National Leaguers who have lost to the Americans on 13 occasions, but it was their fifth triumph in the last six years.

The winning pitcher was Gene Conley, losing pitcher last year.

The six-foot-eight Milwaukee Braves right-hander came into the game in the 12th inning and struck out the American League side.

THE SCORES  
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(12 Innings)  
Pierce Wynn, Ford (7), Sullivan (6) and Berra; Roberts, Haddix (4), Newcombe (7), Jones (8), Nuxhall (8), Conley (12) and Crandall, Burgess (6), Lopata (8), Winning pitcher, Conley, lower Sullivan.

Home runs—American, Mantle, National Musial. Associated Press.

## Sir George Thomas Defends Malaya Against U.S. Criticisms

London, July 12.

Sir George Thomas, veteran British international badminton player and donor of the Thomas Cup, said today recent criticisms of treatment of the United States badminton team in Malaya, attributed to Wynn Rogers, were "unjustified" and "nonsense."

The 74-year-old former shuttlecock star had not heard of Rogers' alleged remarks until shown a clipping from the Straits Times in which they were reproduced. He had returned by sea from Singapore where he watched the Thomas Cup matches.

Sir George said, "I think his criticisms entirely unjustified. It seemed to me that the Americans, in common with the other visiting teams, were made very welcome; and that the prevailing spirit among the players, including the Malaysians, was one of genuine friendliness and good fellowship. To suggest that the home players were under orders to keep aloof seems to me sheer nonsense."

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## THE GAMBOLS . . .

by Barry Appleby

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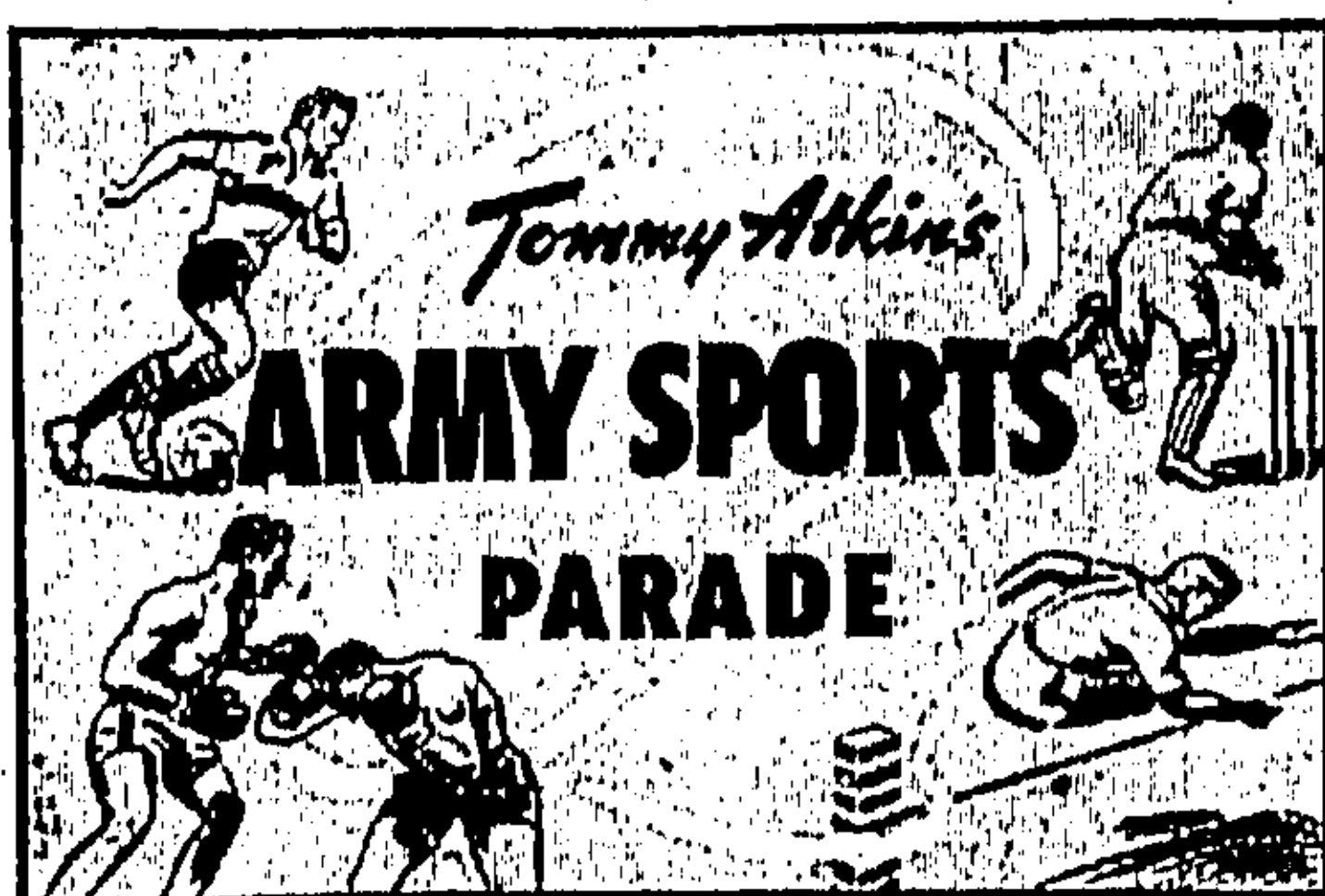
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There was little difficulty in selecting the occupant of the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week for in the best traditions of soldiery Cpl. Blackshaw has virtually shot his way into the limelight.

As a member of the 2/7 Gurkha Rifles 'A' Team in the Army Small Bore League the able corporal has now achieved the distinction of registering three possibles in successive matches.

This is indeed a fine example of concentration and Cpl. Blackshaw's consistent shooting has been a big factor in helping his team to 7 wins in 9 matches. Competing in this Small Bore League is still keen with 6 COD and 14 Field Regt. RA maintaining their 100 per cent records in the face of strong opposition.

If the personnel aboard the troopship "Empire Fowey" decide to stage a soccer match at one of the ports along the way they will be able to put a very strong side in the field.

Beveridge, Walters and Walmesley of last season's Army side were among those who embarked and all of them said they were looking forward to getting back into the game in the United Kingdom.

Beveridge who turned in some brilliant goalkeeping displays both for the Army and the Combined Services should have little difficulty in getting fixed up with a good club in Scotland while Walters and Walmesley both seem certain of successful careers.

Farnsworth who scored lots of goals for the Army, 'B' side was among the many fine sportsmen of 72 LAA Regt. RA who left the Colony on the same ship.

**MOTOR CYCLE TRIALS**  
Among the most popular and entertaining events staged by the Army during the summer season are the Motor Cycle Trials organised by the various formations and culminating in the Land Forces Trials at the end of the summer.

In view of the great interest in these events it is good to hear that arrangements for the 4th Gurkha Infantry Brigade Trials are now well advanced.

According to the latest information these will be held on Friday, August 12 in the New Territories and will be staged in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Army Motor Cycle Association.

Generally the arrangements are along much the same lines as the excellent ones that made the 1954 event such a success. The organisers are of course giving away no secrets about the course except to say that it will be approximately 50 miles of road, track and cross-country and that according to current plans there will be something like 20 hazards.

The main award will be the 4th Gurkha Infantry Brigade Challenge Cup which will be competed for by units of the Brigade. There is also another event open to Brigade personnel only. This is the award for the best performance by a Gurkha rider and it is one that should arouse a lot of interest.

As in the past the events for the best performances on a 500 cc and on a 350 cc machines will be open to competitors from all units and competition for these awards will be very keen.

The entry list is now open and entries should be forwarded to Capt. F. Luckham, REME, HQ 4th Gurkha Infantry Brigade, BAPO No. 1. The entry fee is \$5 per entrant and the list will close on August 2.

The Royal Artillery enjoyed a great measure of success during the last trials season and they will be able to repeat their achievements this year. The Gunners of course have no doubts about it... others think differently... we shall see.

**RATION OF THRILLS**  
Not to be outdone by their military colleagues across the Harbour the Units stationed in Whitfield Barracks have some excellent sports tournaments in progress at the present time. The main interest at the moment is in the six-a-side hockey competition which provides a goodly ration of thrills and even if there is a bruised shin now and again they are soon forgotten in the excitement of the games.

Basketball provides the other attraction and the Supporters of 82 Ind. Sqn. RE are showing their neighbours just how well they can play this game. At the moment they are out in front in the league with a very imposing 100 per cent record.

Are you interested in going under water? I hear that a move is afoot—or should I say, a swim—to get an underwater club started among the more aquatic minded soldiers in our

## Open Pairs Second Round Draw

Due to inclement weather the Colony Open Championship competitions are very much behind schedule and competitors are requested by the Secretary of the HKLBA, Mr R. B. Marshall, to make every endeavour to play off their games as soon as possible.

The Colony Open Singles Championship scheduled for Monday, July 11 will now be played on Friday, July 15 and those games originally set for Tuesday, July 12 will now be played on Monday, July 18.

All postponed Triples Championship games are to be played off on or before Sunday, July 17.

The Open Rinks Championship games which have been postponed will now be played off on or before Wednesday, July 20.

Competitors are advised to contact the bowls convenors of Clubs concerned for confirmation if greens are available.

**THE DRAW**  
The draw for the Second Round of the Open Pairs Championship is:

Tuesday, July 19  
M. J. Dwyer, R. B. Capell (KCC) v N. Featon, J. P. Kelly (HKCC) at KCCG  
J. A. da Luz, R. F. da Luz (RSC) v B. Feltman, H. Black (TC) at KCCG  
Lee, A. Baingo (FC) v W. J. Howard, L. M. Neves (GCC) at KCCG  
A. M. L. Ogley, F. Lee (CCC) v A. M. L. Soares, J. Kelleher (GCC) at KCCG  
B. M. da Silva, L. F. Xavier (RSC) v G. N. Numbha, H. J. Neuma (RSC) at KCCG  
J. M. Guterres, D. Marques (RSC) v F. D. Angus, A. M. Alves (RSC) at KCCG  
J. M. Guterres, M. S. Lloyd (RSC) v M. T. Nunes, G. E. Santos (GCC) at KCCG  
J. M. Guterres, J. E. Numbha (RSC) v E. R. Gascote, C. R. Hester (RSC) at KCCG  
J. M. Guterres, A. E. Elliott (KCC) v W. G. Gutter, W. Hong Sling (KCC) at KCCG

Wednesday, July 20  
R. J. Wyper, A. G. Gardner (HKCC) v D. T. Smith, L. Strang (HKCC) at KCCG  
C. R. Sum, R. Basa (CCC) v J. McIntyre, W. L. McCall (KCC) at KCCG  
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M. J. Rull, A. C. V. Ribeiro (FC) v A. Harvey, J. McKeivie (KCCG) at KCCG  
S. Seddon, B. Blyth (HKFC) v R. G. Laurel, H. C. Dewar (RSC) at KCCG  
T. Pilkington, H. Finlay (RSC) v H. Riddell, R. M. Hetherington (HKFC) at KCCG  
K. Forrow, A. Bailey (HKFC) v S. E. Souza, C. E. Passos (RSC) at KCCG  
A. C. Sequeira, L. S. Silva (FC) v C. M. McLennan, W. McCall (TC) at KCCG  
A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (CCC) v A. Boyd Cowan, W. S. Taylor (HKFC) at KCCG

Friday, July 22  
W. B. Brown, J. H. Kinniburgh (TC) v E. M. Alarcón, A. A. Lopes (RSC) at KCCG  
S. M. Tremlett, A. M. Souza (RSC) v A. J. Coelho, C. A. Coelho (FC) at KCCG  
G. Stark, J. B. Baxter (TC) v D. Ashnew, G. S. Goodyear (USC) at KCCG  
F. Howard, M. E. Purvis (KCCG) v R. S. Gourley, W. Davidson (KCC) at KCCG  
W. M. Sousa, A. F. Ferreira (CCC) v J. M. A. Ramalho, M. I. Razack (RSC) at KCCG  
Wong Yan, S. L. Leonard (CCC) v K. Mundy, P. Cottler (HKFC) at KCCG  
A. P. Pereira, C. C. Pereira (RSC) v U. A. Ramalho, A. R. Rahman (RSC) at KCCG  
R. Tai, C. F. dos Remedios (RSC) v Poynton, G. Arlles (PRC) at KCCG  
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K. M. Ramalho, A. R. Kitchell (RSC) v T. Phoenix, S. Y. Doe (RSC) at KCCG

Both are fine fighters and as was shown in the recent Colony Championships there is little to choose between them. It seems a pity indeed that one of them has to drop out.

Much the same sort of thing happens in the Light Welterweight grade where three good men, Curry and Legerton of the Army and Baker of the Royal Air Force, have to fight it out for the final team position.

While one may feel personal disappointments in cases like these there is no doubt at all that it is all for the good of the game. The more good men there are fighting for a place the better the final selection will be.

Training for these men who have been nominated will commence tomorrow night at the Mission to Seamen and will be continued thereafter each Tuesday and Thursday. C. P. O. Jim Herrett, RN and Sgt. Tye AFPC have been nominated to take charge of this part of the preparation. Sgt. Tye is of course the Army Soccer trainer and is a highly qualified official in several different sports.

**SOCCER REFEREES**  
Calling Soccer Referees in the Kowloon Area. Hard on top of last week's news that courses were to be run for prospective officials in the New Territories comes the information that it is hoped to start a similar class for budding whistlers in Kowloon.

This course will be held at the NAAFI Club and it arrangements proceed according to plan will start on Wednesday July 20.

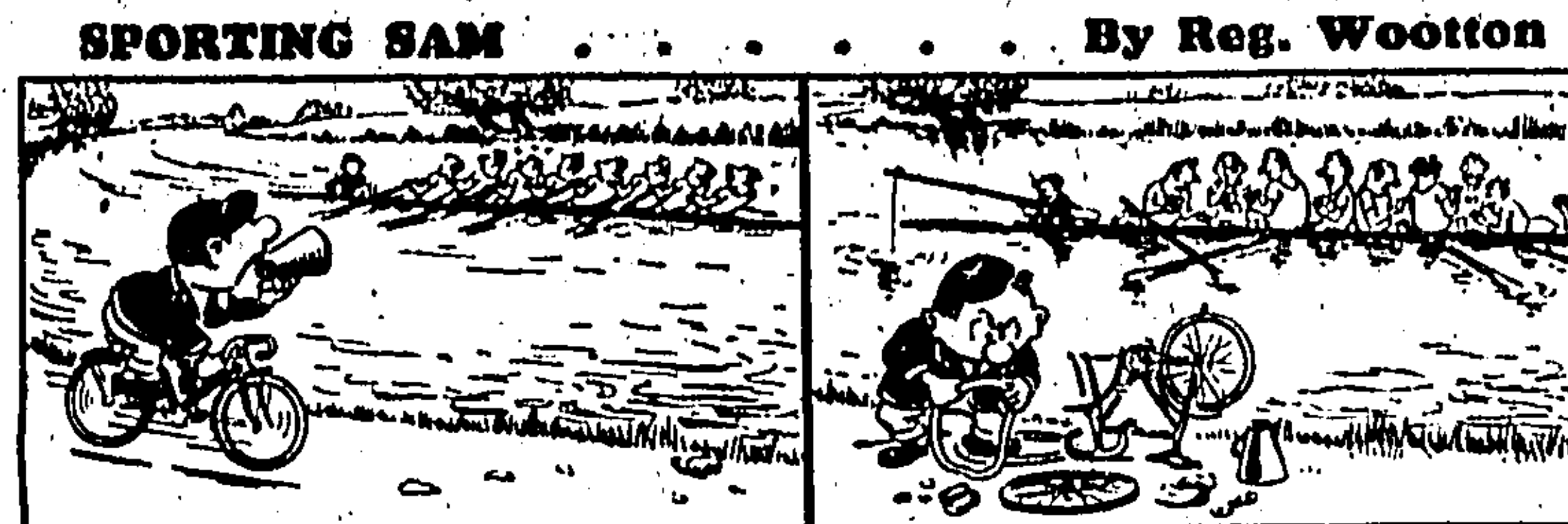
Students attending this class will be in the care of ASM Minia and ASM Hancock and two instructors better qualified to handle the task it would be hard to find.

Final details will be circulated to all concerned as soon as the arrangements are firm.

**WELSH TENNIS**

**Krishnan Beats  
Britisher In  
First Round**

London, July 12.  
Ramanathan Krishnan today defeated D. Maddocks (Britain) by 6-0, 6-1 in the first round of the Welsh Lawn Tennis Championships at Newport. Naresah Kumar, who was to have partnered Krishnan in the Men's Doubles, was today called back to India, where his father is seriously ill in Calcutta.



## Russia Is Bent On Taking Away America's Supremacy In Athletics

New York, July 2.  
Russia's much-publicised drive to make a strong showing in the men's track and field section of the 1956 Olympic Games apparently poses only a small threat to the United States traditional supremacy in the track and field events.

In meets held last week-end (the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union Championships and a two-day international meet in Moscow), the Russians turned in better performances than the Americans in 4 of 13 comparable events. These were the 400 Metres, 110-Metre High Hurdles, Hammer and 3,000-Metre Steeplechase.

But the Russian efforts in the 400 and Hurdles have been bettered by Americans in other meets, so the Hammer Throw and Steeplechase look like the Soviets' best long range bets for a Gold Medal at Melbourne next year.

Mikhail Krivonozov of Russia got off the second best Hammer Throw ever.

Heaving the weight 209 feet, 1.0 inches, the only better effort on record is 210-1 1/2 by Stanislav Nenashayev, in contrast, Harold Connolly of Boston set a new American record with a 189-8 heave in the AAU meet.

**DIFFICULT EVENT**  
Vasily Vlasenko won the 3,000-Metre Steeplechase in the Moscow meet in 8 minutes 51

secs. The AAU Steeplechase event was at two miles, which is 240 yards longer. Ken Reiser of Oregon, running the difficult event for the first time, won it in 10:20.7, not very impressive time, probably equivalent to 9:35 or 9:40 for 3,000 Metres.

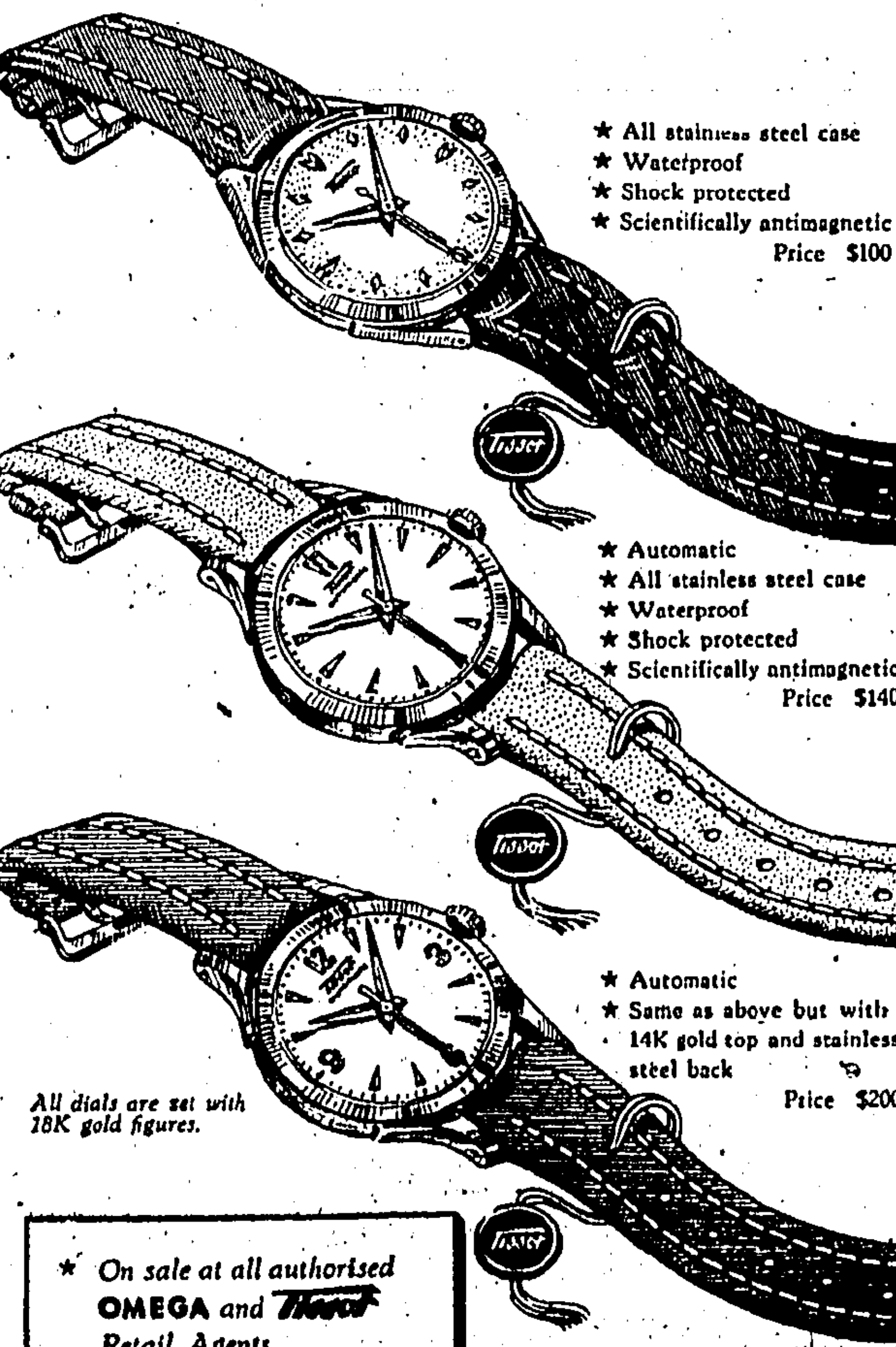
But he had brought his time down to 9:12.4 in a meet in Helsinki on Friday and should keep whittling it down.

Ignatiev set a new record (Russian) of 46 seconds flat for the 400 Metres, which is a better clocking than the 46.7 turned in by Villanova's Charles Jenkins in the AAU 440, almost three yards longer than 400 Metres, and three-tenths of a second is about the difference between the two.

Campbell, the Indiana University athlete, did 13.9 winning the NCAA High Hurdles event a week previously, however, Charley Pratt of Manhattan (14.1) and Joel Shankle of Duke (14.2) also bettered Stolarov's time in the NCAA meet.

American superiority in comparing the performances is clearly evident in the sprints, 800 and field events.—Associated Press.

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# EAST GERMANY AWAY FROM FREE LOVE

Berlin, July 12.

Communist East Germany is turning away from the encouragement of free love, illegitimate children and easy divorce under the pressure of Church and public opinion.

A Communist family draft law, attacked by the Churches and public as undermining the family as a Christian unit of society, is to be amended to take into account the public antagonism which it has aroused.

This is the essence of a long article by Frau Hilde Benjamin, the Minister of Justice, published in Einheits, a Communist Party journal, for the instruction of Party officials.

It is the more remarkable because the family law draft, first published in June last year, was then welcomed by her, and by other Communist Party leaders, as the latest step in progressive social reform.

## NOT UNEXPECTED

The change has not come entirely unexpectedly. For the first time in the whole eight-year history of East German Communist rule, a draft law heralded with a flourish of publicity has been lying in a pigeon hole for a year.

Frau Benjamin admitted in her article that the reason was the law has aroused unprecedented discussion, encouraged by the outspoken public protests of both the Evangelical and Catholic Churches.

The Evangelical Church, which claims most adherents in East Germany, declared that the law would threaten with extinction the Christian marriage and family life.

Its main criticisms were that the law would make divorce too easy and destroy the coherence of the family as a basic unit of society. Frau Benjamin did not directly answer the critical memorandum of the Evangelical Church, published last October, but attacked certain circles charged with "deliberately" distorting the text and meaning of the draft law.

## CONFIRMATION

She confirmed frankly, however, that public discussion in the past year had yielded definite trends in favour of Christian family morals, of which the State must take notice. There had been "clear and general opposition," she said, to the view that "life comradeship," as against marriage, was the truly progressive association between man and woman. Public opinion had pronounced emphatically in favour of the legally concluded marriage.

She recalled that the draft law granted full and equal rights to illegitimate children but added: "Our attitude to illegitimate children does not mean that we approve or wish to further extra-marital relations between man and woman. The existence of an illegitimate child has disturbing effects in several ways on the development of the separate family of the father or the mother, even when that family is not founded until after its birth."

"It means, for example, taking a liberal-anarchic attitude to their rights and obligations when students become fathers of illegitimate children to such an extent that extra bur-  
den for this reason amount to 40,000 marks (about £3,300 sterling) a month at Leipzig University alone."

Frau Benjamin then stressed the highly controversial divorce procedure envisaged under the draft law, under which the apportioning of blame is replaced by a judicial ruling that the marriage "has lost its sense." She said that the present method encouraged dishonesty, perjury and false admissions.

## COURT TO DECIDE

The proposed procedure would authorise the court to decide in its own wisdom whether "serious grounds for divorce are present and the court can establish after exhaustive investigation that the marriage has lost its sense for the marriage partners, the children and society."

Frau Benjamin argued that the apportioning of blame, often arrived at by false evidence, does not generally lay bare the true process of disruption of the marriage.

She added that the discussion over divorce procedure had aroused particular passions. "Thus, the demand was raised that divorce should not be granted under any conditions after a certain period. This was often coupled with a demand that adultery should be severely punished."

"These views do not only reflect the opinion of older women, themselves the victims of adultery, but they are an expression of the growing moral condemnation of such behaviour, which must be taken seriously." In an oblique reference to political grounds for divorce, Frau Benjamin criticised

divorces being granted frivolously upon the husband's claim that his wife had not been able to keep up with his "social development" and was hampering his progress.

## PRESSURE ON WIVES

There had been cases of pressure on wives to agree to a divorce on similar grounds, she said, "in which the alleged agreement of the wife was not rarely bought by the husband with promises that he would maintain her."

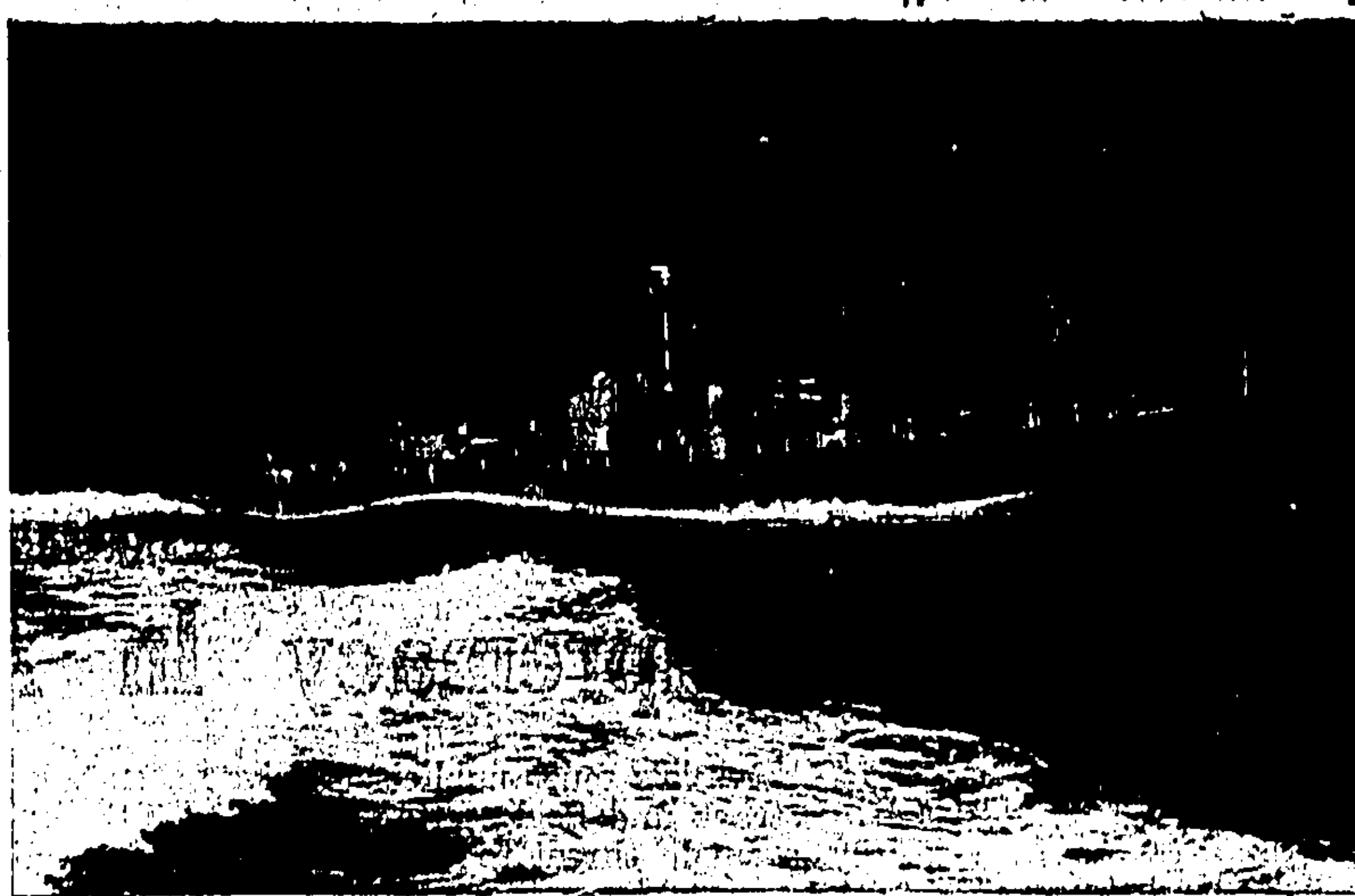
"On this the process of clarification is by no means ended," Frau Benjamin added. As well as the Communist organisations to "bring the moral elements of marriage, the demands of marital faithfulness, the common care for the children and the maintenance of the family into harmony with personal desires and the development of the individual."

Church officials here believe Frau Benjamin's statements pre-empt certain compromise amendments on divorce procedure and the benefits of "wild marriage."

But, they say, she has ignored equally vital aspects of the family law, such as the exclusion of the Church as a legitimate influence on the family and the monopoly in education of Communist schools and youth organisations.

They fear that Frau Benjamin is trying to "buy off" Christian opposition to the law as a whole with partial concessions.—China Mail Special.

## Grey Goose On Trials



## A Date With Blue Moors

Bristol, July 12.  
A young British Army officer is planning to spend his leave travelling alone among the remote, blue-skinned and veil-wearing tribesmen of Rio de Oro on the African west coast.

Amateur explorer Lieutenant David Newton, aged 22, of Bristol, said he will begin his journey to the Spanish colony on August 18 to check at first hand the mysterious stories he had heard about the region three years ago while in Morocco.

Lieutenant Newton wants in particular to visit Rio de Oro's little-known "Blue Moors," so called because they dye their clothes that colour and in time acquire a bluish skin.

"They have an egalitarian attitude towards their women," he says. "The men wear the veils."

"Their tents are so low that it is possible only to kneel in them—and the women perform their dances on their knees."—China Mail Special.

Demonstration at speed by the famous wartime gadget war-ship HMS Grey Goose which has been transformed into a "floating test bed" for the Royal Navy experiments. She has been fitted with two secret experimental Rolls-Royce Marine gas turbine engines of advanced design, and fifty per cent lighter than orthodox engines and taking up twenty-five per cent less room.—Express Photo.

## Administrative City In Brussels

Brussels, July 12.  
The Belgian Cabinet has decided in principle to build an "administrative city" in the centre of Brussels to house about 10 Ministries in a 40-storey skyscraper.

The building, which is to have an underground garage for up to 5,000 cars, will cover about 12 acres and cost an estimated 1,400 million francs (£10 million sterling). The Cabinet proposes to use 1,000 rooms in the skyscraper to accommodate visitors for the 1958 Brussels World Fair.—China Mail Special.

## Hazardous Solo Flight

Singapore, July 12.  
With a prayer and seven hours of aviation fuel in his tanks for each hop, Peter Palmer of England, is flying an 11-year-old two-engine Dragon Rapide 4,000 miles solo from Southend, England, to Noumea in French New Caledonia.

The 29-year-old war veteran and always pilot, Peter Palmer, arrived in Singapore yesterday, nine days after he had started on July 2. He leaves for Djakarta tomorrow morning and must be at his destination within 15 days.

The two-night stop here has been the longest of the trip. The aircraft received its first real servicing since setting out.

Mr Palmer does not relish such a long journey solo, but he explained the plane would not carry sufficient fuel and an extra crew member.—China Mail Special.

# Why The Pyramids Were Built Like Pyramids

London, July 12.

Of all the wonders of the Ancient World, probably the best known are the Pyramids and temples of ancient Egypt.

Yet why the Pyramids were built in that shape and even exactly how they were constructed without modern mechanical means, remains to this day a subject of discussion and disagreement among archaeologists.

Now theories on these age-old problems are advanced by M. Samivel, well-known in France as artist, author and film producer, in a book which has just appeared here in English translation under the title "The Glory of Egypt" published by Thames and Hudson (42s).

M. Samivel is, as he says, "in no way a professional Egyptologist" and only "an amateur archaeologist." He freely admits that it may perhaps seem "extremely presumptuous" on his part, in view of his lack of professional qualifications in this sphere, "to dare to formulate my own theory on a subject which has been hotly debated by men of great learning and intelligence."

## OWN DEFENCE

"But," he pleads in his own defence, "it has always been the privilege of even the humblest among us to submit their ideas modestly to the attention of the specialist, and to plead the legitimate benefit of historical doubt. The writer, therefore, begs leave to bring forward some speculations of his own on the precise formation of the pyramids, on the origin of their architectural style, and on the technique of construction utilised by their builders."

"He considers the key to this problem resides in the symbolism of altitude. 'It seems reasonable' to suppose that everyone would agree with this very simple definition: Pyramids are arti-

ficial mountains. Once this has been said, it would seem that one has said everything.

"It is impossible to imagine a material form that could symbolise so effectively, and with such architectural simplicity, the ancient aspiration of mankind to reach a heavenly abode and to become identified with the sun."

To the Ancients, preoccupied with the origin of life, and death, the world appeared to be composed of three planes: the terrestrial, or domain of the living; the subterranean, belonging to the dead; and the celestial, the sphere of transcendent, superhuman personages—spirits, gods and demi-gods. Mountains, pointing towards the heavens, were considered either to be gods themselves or the dwelling places of gods. From this, they came to be regarded as the link, or ladder, between the land of men and the heavenly habitations of the gods.

Once this conception was established in the minds of men, says M. Samivel, "it was only logical to choose so sacred a place for the burial of their dead. It was precisely in this sacred spot that the dead person, whether deified or not, would find the most favourable conditions for reaching heaven and for benefiting to the greatest extent possible from the flow of celestial and solar energy."

## IMPORTANT PART

Thus, the pyramid came to play its own important part in a vast body of religious belief. The artificial mountain—the range of pyramids, which begins where the natural mountains of Libya leave off—was, for example, the frontier assigned by Egyptian mythology to the realm of the dead.

Moreover all the pyramids are situated on the left, or west, bank of the Nile—that is, on the bank where the sun appeared to set, the bank of death and the resting places of the dead.

The very construction of the pyramid, M. Samivel thinks, supports his theory. It was built not to enclose space, but as a solid volume of stone, that is, it was a faithful copy of a natural one. To form a natural one has only to study one of the excellent photographs with which this book is illustrated—a picture showing the barrier of natural mountains standing up like pyramids on the rim of the desert of burning sand. For, as the author stresses, there are natural pyramids in Egypt which bear a striking resemblance to the man-made structures, but at which few people seem to look:

"They are roughly, the same height," he writes, "and the inclination of their faces is approximately the same angle. The first pyramid ever built, the Step Pyramid of Sakkara... reproduced the ancient theme of the heavenly ladder..."

The steps, however, could not be imbedded and were therefore already symbolic. Later, the surfaces became smooth and ever shining in the reflection of the sun on their face. Through the centuries, the pyramid became a sign to be used on the temple and the obelisk. In fact, they came to symbolise a magical flowing-down of celestial solar energy towards the earth—in other words, they were mountain-tombs, but they were also axial mountains situated in the centre of the universe or magically projected from it in a sacred geometrical form."

## MEETING PLACE

Situated at the meeting place between the terrestrial and celestial planes, it was here that the "immortal" of the realm of the dead had the best chance of taking place...

It was from here that, thanks to the pyramidal form, the flux of divine solar energy spread in a spiritual and material manner over the whole length of Egypt. The nation was literally incarnated in its King-God; it partook of the celestial privileges of his person, which was simultaneously divine and human."

The hymn, M. Samivel's theory appears logical. Nor is he so expert in things ancient as he would have us believe. But whatever the experts may decide, this author has certainly succeeded in his purpose of presenting a new picture of the philosophy of the Ancients, as well as suggesting a new line of thought.—China Mail Special.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



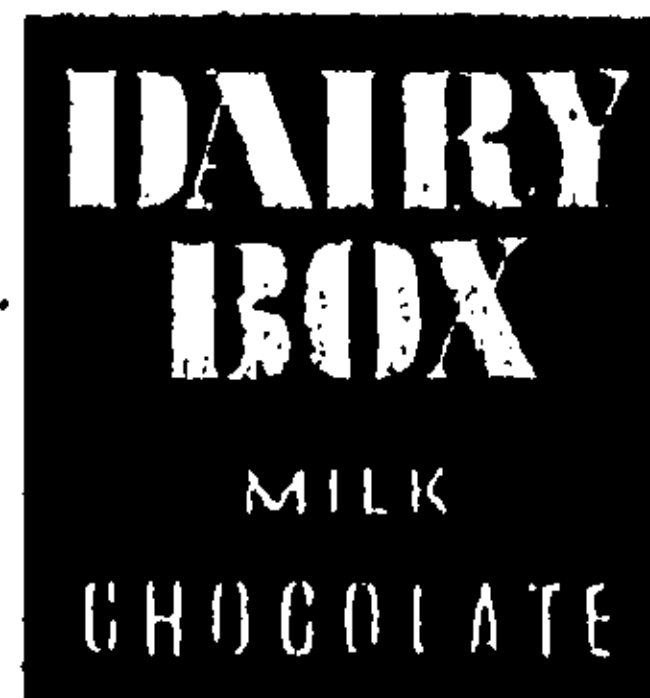
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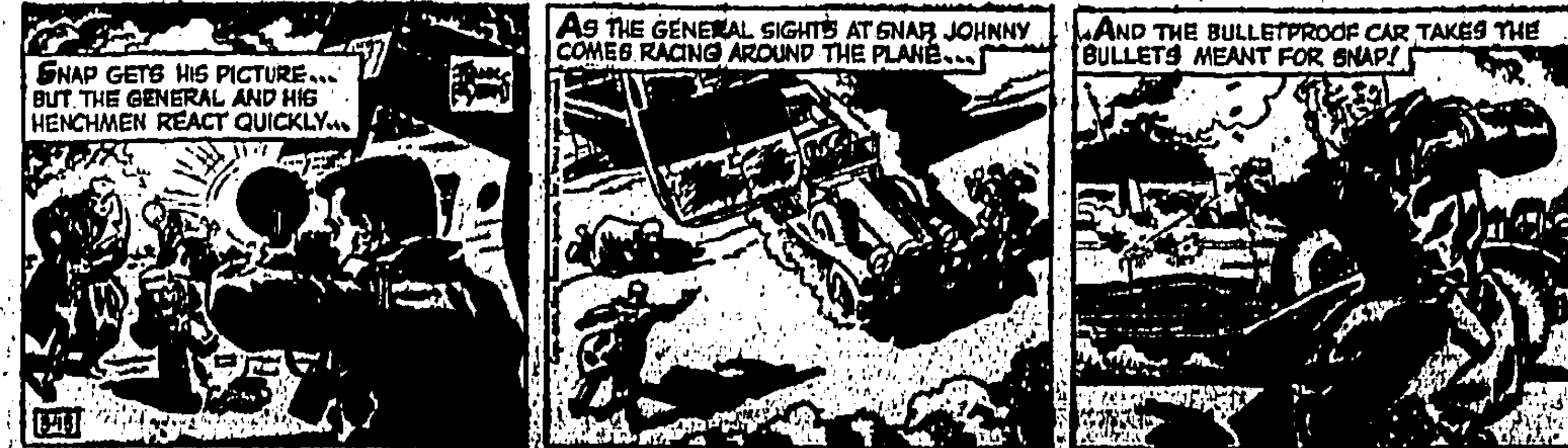
## NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



## JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





## Invention Helps To Fingerprint Substances

Melbourne, July 12.  
World scientific interest has focused on the development by Australia of an instrument which greatly increases scientists' chances of taking the "fingerprints" of substances they are studying.

The development is a comparatively simple addition to a spectroscope.

A big chemical firm has used the improved spectroscope for work on a substance which saved Australian farmers hundreds of thousands of pounds when a recent locust plague threatened to devastate thousands of acres of crops.

Meteorologists have sought details of the instrument for use in research which, they hope, will help them more accurately to forecast the weather.

### MORE PRACTICAL

From an even more practical, if narrower, viewpoint, the invention has earned Australia a nest-egg of almost 40,000 dollars (about £14,000 sterling) in royalties from United States scientific organisations which have bought the improved instrument to use in their work. Royalties are also being paid by other countries.

About 200 of the spectroscopes are in use in various parts of the world.

Mr. Alan Walsh, a physicist employed by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, invented the improvement and Dr. J.B. Willis and Mr. N.S. Ham, also of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, worked with him on later developments.

The Organisation was set up by the Australian Federal Government to carry out scientific research into problems facing Australian industry and agriculture, or to make possible research which might ultimately throw up discoveries which would benefit them.

In the laboratory at the Organisation's research station at Fishermen's Bend, near the wharves of Melbourne port and sandwiched between two of the main factories of Australia's lusty young aircraft and motor-car industries, Mr. Walsh was investigating the structure of a small molecule known as nitrosyl chloride.

To do this, Mr. Walsh needed a spectroscope. But he found that no available spectroscope was good enough. So, after some thought, Mr. Walsh got to work and began to develop a spectroscope which could do the job.

What he produced, achieved the same thing, but with higher quality, as would several spectroscopes coupled together. Components cost less than £450 (about £40 sterling).

### MANY REASONS

For many reasons, including the cost, scientists normally cannot use several spectroscopes coupled together.

The average spectroscope costs more than £4,000 (£3,200 sterling).

Mr. Walsh explained that a normal spectroscope was an instrument for analysing light into its component wavelengths.

The light is passed through a sample of the subject under study and the spectroscopist measures which wavelengths are absorbed by the subject. By analysing the results, a scientist can draw certain conclusions about the nature of the subject.

The light, Mr. Walsh was using, "infra-red" or "invisible" light—is collected and focussed by mirrors, then passed through a prism, which splits it up into its component wavelengths.

Mr. Walsh's invention enabled him, while using the same instrument, to achieve a pattern of wavelengths in much greater detail. This pattern of wavelengths transmitted by the sample is known as its spectrum.

What Mr. Walsh has done is to arrange a system by which he can send the light through an optical arrangement of mirrors and a prism in the spectroscopist several times, instead of only once as normal.

A right-angled mirror reflects the light back into the mirror so that it passes through the prism several times. One wavelength, escaping the right-angled mirror, may pass through the optical system only once. A second escapes after going through twice, a third three times and so on.

An electronic device interrupts the wavelengths and allows only the one which the scientist wishes to measure to emerge.

Mr. Walsh, Dr. Willis and Mr. Ham, who developed it originally, also measured infra-red spectra, have also adapted it to measure visible, and ultra-violet spectra, the patterns thrown by ordinary and ultra-violet light—China Mail Special.

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## RUBBER SHORT IN CEYLON

### Govt Unable To Fulfil Contract To China

Colombo, July 12.

Ceylon officials continued today their efforts to find enough sheet rubber to fulfil commitments to Red China under the two-nation rubber-for-rice barter agreement.

Ceylon must send another 30,000 tons of sheet rubber to Red China this year. Government officials here have emphasised the immediate need for finding at least 4,000 pounds of sheet to ship aboard a Polish freighter expected here almost momentarily. A Polish vessel which docked here a week ago to load 750 pounds of sheet for Red China was forced to leave with only 75 because of the rubber shortage.

The present shortage is due in part to some producers holding back shipments of sheet rubber in expectation that the price which China is now paying will be revised upward at some future date. World prices for sheet are higher than those China is now paying under its trade pact with Ceylon. Many Ceylonese groups have urged the price scale be revised since it is claimed Ceylon is suffering a substantial financial loss under the present agreement.

Asked when the price paid by China might be revised, Sir John said this could not be done overnight but would take some time.

He added that the trade pact was causing a serious problem in that China was paying for its rubber shipments with Chinese rice, of which Ceylon has ample stocks now.—United Press.

### World Rubber Markets

Singapore, July 12.

The rubber market was steady today. There were some good overseas advices and some interest in lower grades. Turnover was fairly good. Futures:

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## Fly By Helicopters From The Palace

London, July 12.  
Two helicopters took off within a few minutes of each other today from Buckingham Palace.

One of them carried the Queen Mother and the Duchess of Gloucester. The other took their attendants on a visit to the Royal Air Force base at Hawkinge, near Folkestone on the southeast coast.

A large crowd had gathered in the sunshine outside the palace to see arrivals for the Queen's investiture and the royal race meeting at Ascot. They watched the helicopter rise up from behind the palace and head southeast over London.

This was the first time that two helicopters had been used for a royal engagement in Britain. They were bringing the party back to the palace this evening.—Reuter.

## Russians Release 95 Japanese

Tokyo, July 13.  
Japanese coast guard headquarters reported this morning that 95 Japanese fishermen who were detained on Soviet-occupied Shikotsu Island.

The fishermen and 14 boats were arrested by the Russians three months ago.

The fishermen arrived at Nemuro port, Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, late last night.

The fishermen said a female judge, who appeared to be only about 15 years old, sentenced them to one to two years' imprisonment for allegedly violating Russian territorial waters.

The men said they believed the female lawyer, who defended them, managed to secure their release.—Reuter.

## SEEKS NO REPRIEVE

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The reports that some new features of the case were being presented to the Home Secretary gained strength when an urgent message was broadcast at Ascot races late today asking for Sir Frank Newsam, permanent Under-Secretary at the Home Office, to report to the racecourse offices.

Asked if this had anything to do with the case of Ruth Ellis, Home Office official said: "No comment. We can say nothing."

## The Governor In Gown And Mask



## Promotion For Rising Soviet Politicians

Moscow, July 13.  
The Soviet Communist Party has announced promotion for two of its "rising stars" to the Party's Presidium, its governing body.

The announcement was made by the Party's Central Committee, which has been meeting from July 4 to 12, and was published by the official Soviet news agency, Tass, yesterday.

At the same time, the committee disclosed that it had discussed the question of convening a full scale Party Congress, the first since before Stalin's death, although it gave no hint of when it would be held.

The two men promoted were Mr. Aleksei Kirichenko, first Secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Party, and Mr. Mikhail Suslov, one of the Central Committee's secretaries and deputies to Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the First Secretary of the Party.

Mr. Kirichenko has recently been seen frequently in public with the nine members now eleven, of the Presidium, formerly the Politburo, and his promotion was not unexpected.

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But some observers were surprised that Mr. Ponomarev, formerly First Secretary of the Kazakhstani Communist Party, the "agricultural drive" republic, and now Soviet Ambassador to Poland, had not received promotion with him.

Mr. Ponomarev has also been with top Communist leaders, most notably at the air show on Soviet Aviation Day on July 3.

But it was pointed out that his present job at Warsaw, an important post, precluded his promotion at home for the time being.

## OPERATION GYROSCOPE FINALISED

Ashiya, Japan, July 13.  
The westbound phase of "Operation Gyroscope" ended today as the 400th and last US paratrooper stepped from a huge Air Force plane that carried him ten thousand miles from America to Japan.

Last man of the 508th Airborne Regiment to leave the C-124 Globemaster was Pfc. Claude Hutson, 21, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"I want to see the hot springs in Beppu," Hutson said as his feet touched the ground. Beppu is a famous resort area in Kyushu, Japan's southernmost island.

Completion of the 508th transfer to Japan marked the halfway point in the operation, in which for the first time in air history two complete regiments were airlifted from one nation to another to replace each other.

As the last plane landed at Ashiya, other C-124's were taking off from Itazuke Air Base, another Air Force installation on Kyushu with troops of the 18th Airborne Regiment.

They used the transfer operation, and 48 hours elapsed since the first 508 flight arrived here from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.—United Press

## H.E. Tours Sai Ying Pun Hospital

Dressed in a white medical gown and mask, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, this morning toured the Sai Ying Pun Hospital and visited its many welfare departments.

On arrival he was given the gown and mask in order to look round the fever section of the hospital.

Dr. C. E. Yeoh, Medical Officer in Charge, showed His Excellency around and explained there were 88 beds in the fever section, and they were nearly always fully occupied. Ninety per cent were occupied by children who were looked after by Dr. Yeoh himself, with the help of three assistants.

At the moment there are 83 patients in the fever hospital.

After seeing the fever hospital the Governor was shown the infant welfare department. Here mothers and their children are cared for. The mornings are devoted to the children and in the afternoons the mothers are given lectures on the care of children.

Dr. D. Jones and Dr. C. H. Ku are in charge of this side. The infant welfare cater for 100 and above patients a day.

Dr. C. S. Fong who runs the Social Hygiene Centre then showed the Governor round the many small rooms that make up the clinic. Here 500 patients and above are looked after for four days of the week. Wednesday is reserved for leprosy patients.

Last on the list was the rather ancient outpatients' building which the authorities are hoping to rebuild in the near future. The new building will have a waiting room for 400 to help cater for the hundreds who attend each day for treatment. The numbers range from 900 to 1,000. Outpatients are looked after by five doctors who work from 9 in the morning to midnight giving treatment. They also give lectures to students who attend the hospital to finish their training.

## Radio Hongkong

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